



Dear families,

Immunisation required for all enrolments at St Peter's Kindergarten.

Every day immunisation saves lives and makes it possible for Victorians to live free from illness and disability caused by many infectious diseases. Immunisation not only protects those people who have been vaccinated, but it also protects those in the community who may be unable to receive vaccines themselves, by reducing the prevalence and spread of disease.

Legislation recently passed by the Andrews Government known as '**No Jab No Play**' requires all children to be fully vaccinated before they can commence at Early Childhood Education and Care Services (excluding outside school hours care). This legislation will come into effect from 1 January 2016. Those children who have a confirmed enrolment prior to this date will not need to comply with this legislation however anyone enrolling after this date will need to be immunised.

St Peter's Kindergarten has a service agreement in place with Bayside Council to centralise the enrolment process, therefore 3YO and 4YO enrolments are considered a separate process and are not carried over from one year to another. Enrolments prior to 1st January 2016 will NOT be compliant in 2017.

Under the new law, all children must be fully vaccinated to be enrolled in childcare and kindergarten. Only children who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons will be able to be exempt from No Jab No Play. A GP or other medical doctor would need to determine this. A 'Conscientious objection' will not be an exemption

The No Jab No Play law will recognise that there are a number of vulnerable children in the community whose families face difficulties accessing immunisations. The law will allow vulnerable children to be enrolled. Early childhood services will be provided with information to assist parents to access immunisations and obtain the necessary documentation within 16 weeks of commencing at the service.

What immunisations are required for children at childcare and kindergarten?

By 4 years of age, children should be immunised against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella.

For more information about the immunisation schedule, visit:

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/factsheets/schedule-victoria.htm>

St Peter's kindergarten requires a copy of your child's immunisation record to be held in their records at the kindergarten. This needs to be returned to the kindergarten with your full enrolment forms and birth certificate if not already supplied at acceptance of position.

If you have any questions, please contact St Peter's Kindergarten.