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Dear Kindergarten & Pre Primary Parents

I am writing to inform you of important changes under the Public Health Act 2016, that have come into effect from the 1st January 2019 regarding the collection and reporting of the immunisation status of students in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary. All parents must provide the school with their child's Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Immunisation History Statement. Below are the instructions on how to access your child's AIR.

A child's current AIR Immunisation History Statement can be accessed at any time by the parent/guardian through:

- * MyGov, by logging in to their Medicare online account
- * Medicare Express Plus App, by logging in to the Medicare account
- * Visiting a Medicare or Centrelink office, or
- * Calling the AIR General Enquiries Line on 1800 653 809 for the Statement to be posted.

Individuals that are not registered with Medicare can still have an AIR record. Your immunisation provider or the Central Immunisation Clinic will be able to assist in setting one up.

Parents are automatically sent an AIR Immunisation History Statement when their child has completed the four-year old vaccination schedule.

If parents/guardians have had their child fully vaccinated but the child's AIR Immunisation Guidelines for persons in charge of childcare services, kindergartens and schools History Statement is not up to date, they are advised to contact their immunisation provider and ask them to update the information on the AIR.

Alternatively, parents/guardians can email a photo of their child's vaccination records and their Medicare numbers to their local public health unit (Healthy WA) and the AIR records will be updated accordingly.

If any details such as name or date of birth are incorrect on the AIR, or if you have recently changed your address, please call the Medicare general enquiries line anytime on 132 011 and ask to have these updated.

Parents must provide their child's AIR to the school by no later than Wednesday 29th May.

Yours sincerely

Travis Bienkowski
Principal