**Busy Bodies Child Care Centre Ltd**

**Immunisation**

Immunisation means using a vaccine to protect people from getting a disease. Immunisation is usually the safest and most effective protection for children / young people. Infectious diseases can be very serious and sometimes fatal and the risks of serious illness, long term complications and death from not vaccinating a child outweigh the risks from the vaccination itself. As more people are immunised the diseases become rarer. However, this does not mean the disease no longer exists. In reality if people stop being immunised the diseases could become common again. If children are immunised they are protected from infection and will help to protect other children too.

We recommend speaking to your local health visit about immunisations and all children are given an immunisation schedule at birth.

**Procedure**

* Check with parents / carers that children are registered with a General Practitioner (GP) and have received their vaccinations.
* Ensure staff are protected and up to date with their vaccinations. Booster doses are required every 10 years.
* Ensure that women of child-bearing age have immunity to Rubella.
* Remember that pregnant staff and staff whose immune system is deficient or compromised may be at a greater risk if they are exposed to infectious diseases.

This policy and procedure will be reviewed annually.

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This policy has been read, understood and signed by all the staff.

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