



Does your child start school soon?

*Information for
parents and caregivers*

Your child needs an immunisation certificate when they start school.



Schools have to keep a register of whether children are fully immunised or not. This means parents and whānau need to take their child's immunisation certificate when they enrol them at school. You may have shown it when your child started preschool as early childhood services also have to keep a register.

The register means schools will know which children have had all their immunisations if there is an outbreak of a disease in the community. If that happens the Medical Officer of Health may require children who are unimmunised to stay at home.

The certificate is located towards the back of the Well Child Tamariki Ora Health book. If you do not have a certificate, your doctor or nurse can give you another one. They can also check with you if your child has had all their immunisations or not.

The school will still ask you to produce a signed certificate even if you have decided not to have your child immunised. Your doctor or nurse can sign the certificate at any time.

Children are still able to attend an early childhood service or school even if they have not been immunised.

If you do not have an immunisation certificate for your child, or would like further information about immunisation, talk to your doctor or nurse now.

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