



Immunisation Policy

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1 Introduction

Immunisation is the process whereby an individual is made immune or resistant to an infectious disease, typically through the administration of a vaccine.

Vaccines stimulate the body's own immune system to protect the person against subsequent infection or disease. Vaccines are preparations that produce immunity to a disease by stimulating the production of antibodies. Vaccines can be administered by injections, nasal sprays or by mouth. Immunisation has been proven to control and eliminate life threatening infectious diseases and have been estimated to avert over 2 million deaths each year globally.

There is an immunisation schedule developed by government health authorities in each country, specifying the immunisations required for the region and in line with the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendations. The Ministry of Health (MOH) in Bahrain has a childhood immunisation schedule which is supported by St Christopher's School. The MOH immunisation schedule may be found here: <https://www.moh.gov.bh/HealthInfo/Immunizations> Please refer to [Law 38, 2018](#); [Law 37, 2012](#).

2 Roles & Responsibilities

2.1 Parents and Carers will:

- Undertake timely and correct immunisation of children in line with Bahrain MOH Guidelines;
- Provide a copy of the student's immunisation records for filing within the child's health record whilst a student at St Christopher's School; and
- Report any changes to the child's immunisation status to the School Nurse.

2.2 St Christopher's School will:

- Employ School Nurses who will be available to parents/guardians for the provision of advice and information relating to childhood immunisations in accordance with MOH Bahrain and WHO immunisation schedules;
- Communicate any changes or developments in the area of childhood vaccination and provide subsequent support and direction to parents and the school community;
- Request copies of all immunisations undertaken, whether administered in Bahrain or another country, and maintain these records in the student's health file; and
- Retain the right, as per Ministry of Education advice, to withhold end of year reports of those students who default on immunisations.

3 School Admissions

3.1 Applicants within Bahrain

- According to [Law No. 34 of 2018](#) 'The child's parent/guardian or legal representative is obligated to visit a Ministry health centre or Ministry-recognised health institution for their child to receive vaccinations as listed in the national immunisation program'.
- According to [Law No. 37 of 2018](#) 'The child's parents/carers are responsible for vaccinating and immunising the child'.



- The Bahrain Immunisation schedule may be found here:
<https://www.moh.gov.bh/HealthInfo/Immunizations> .

3.2 Overseas applicants

- For overseas applicants, at the point of offering a place to a new student entering St Christopher's School, the student's parents/guardians will be made aware of the minimal immunisation requirements and that this level will need to be achieved before the student's first day of school.

The minimal immunisation level the School will accept is:

- 3 DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)
 - 3 Polio
 - 3 PCV (Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine)
 - 1 Hepatitis A
 - 1 Hepatitis B
 - 1 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
 - Meningococcal ACYW
 - 1 Varicella
- The Meningococcal ACYW and Varicella may be difficult to get abroad and is readily accessible in Bahrain.
 - A Titer Test and proof of this documentation will be required for students who have obtained an immunisation, but have no record of such. A Titer Test can be performed for all immunisations in the Immunisation Schedule except DTaP and Meningococcal ACYW.
 - If a student does not have the above immunisations, a specified period of time will be permitted for the student to catch up with their immunisations.
 - The School reserves the right to refuse starting at the School until the immunisations have been obtained.