



# PARENT UPDATE

March 2018

**Speech Pathology Screening - Tuesday 27 March** Visiting speech pathologist Alanna Mylne from Tyack Health is taking bookings for children's communication skills to be screened at our office in the Wynnum Community Centre. Either you or your educator may bring your child to the screening. An information flyer and parent consent form are attached to today's newsletter. Call Karen-Lea to secure your spot.

**Public Holidays and Annual Leave** Parents often call the office to ask "Do I have to pay for a public holiday?" and "What about when the public holiday falls when my educator is on leave?" Charging practices are commercial decisions made independently by individual child care service providers and are not a matter regulated by family assistance law. This includes the widely-used practice of charging for public holidays that fall on your regular booked day. This practice is used by child care service providers because child care workers, like most employees, are entitled to be paid for public holidays when they would otherwise be at work. Please refer to your contract from your educator for terms and conditions.

**Family records** Within children's enrolment forms in HubWorks it is important that correct contact details are held for each parent, medical practitioner details, any medical conditions or allergies are listed, and the immunisation status of the child is correct. Please advise your educator or the office if you need to update information. You can log into HubWorks yourself to update the enrolment form - please advise if you need your username reset.

**Medical Management Plans** – does your child have an action plan for asthma, anaphylaxis, allergies, epilepsy, diabetes or another medical condition which requires attention by the educator? Please talk to your educator about the regulatory requirement to have a risk minimisation and communication plan in place.

**Show your support for WFDC and provide a review/testimonial on Google, Facebook and Care for Kids**

Adding a supporting review or testimonial will keep our pages current on the web and share our service widely.

**Google:** search 'Wynnum Family Day Care & Education Service', right hand side, click on 'Write a Review'.

**Care For Kids:** To review the service or your educator <https://www.careforkids.com.au/child-care/p5z3m/wynnum-family-day-care-education-service-servicing-all-the-south-east-suburbs-4>

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/WynnumFamilyDayCare/>

**Is my child well enough to be in care?** Your educator will refer you to Staying Healthy in Child Care as the best resource for illnesses and infection in early childhood. <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/ch55> Queensland Health also share important information for children attending child care including updates for the management of influenza and gastroenteritis. Standard precautions including keeping children at home when they have had recent vomiting and diarrhea, effective handwashing, nose-blowing and cough etiquette. Many illnesses are spread via droplets, spreading easily by coughs, sneezes and runny noses.

<https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/diseases/influenza/resources>

**Does your child attend high school** – please call Lisa 3393 4311 regarding your child's eligibility for CCB, if you haven't done so as yet. You are required to provide additional information to the service.