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IMMUNISATION PROGRAMMES IN WCED SCHOOLS BY PRIVATE AGENCIES

1. Private agencies may administer immunisation programmes in Western Cape Education Department (WCED) schools only if they have accreditation with the Provincial Health Department (PHD) and the written permission of the Head of Education.
2. The WCED has, however, been notified by the PHD on 16 February 1998 that the latter department no longer has the capacity at its disposal to comply with one of the conditions of accreditation, namely to monitor the maintenance of quality and safety standards. The PHD will therefore suspend their accreditation of all private vaccination agencies on 31 March 1998.
3. Principals must please take note that private agencies should not be allowed to administer immunisation programmes in any WCED school after 31 March 1998.
4. The WCED therefore accepts no responsibility for any event that may result from immunisation programmes or parts thereof administered by private agencies after 31 March 1998.

Your co-operation will be appreciated.

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