



Supervision of Children

Durack Preschool Policy

Objective:

For all children to be safe and adequately supervised whilst at Durack Preschool.

Implementation:

- The preschool environment will be arranged with consideration to supervising children. All areas must be clearly visible and accessible.
- Daily checks will take place to ensure that the preschool environment is free from hazards. Any hazards will be recorded on the Daily Check sheet.
- Staff will position themselves in both indoor and outdoor environments with consideration for the activities being offered, the mix of children's skills, the number of children and staff and to allow the greatest vision of the whole area.
- Children will be within sight and hearing of staff members at all times of the day.
- Staff will focus on interacting with children and refrain from congregating together to hold personal conversations that take their attention away from supervising children adequately.
- Staff will inform other staff members if they are leaving an area for any reason.
- At least two staff supervising during outside time will have on their person a whistle for use in unsafe/emergency situations.
- Children will be explicitly taught to assemble on the verandah if they hear the whistle blow three times. This will be practised at least once per term.

Supervision of Water and Sensory Play:

- A resuscitation chart will be displayed within the pool area.
- At least two staff members will have on their person a whistle during water/sensory play times as for other outside play times.
- One adult will be situated within the pool surrounds at all times.
- All preschool staff will be trained in appropriate water safety course.

Evaluation and Review:

This policy will be reviewed annually. Family and staff feedback will be considered in the review process as will changes in legislation, regulations and NQS.

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Review Date: February 2015