

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO THE SAFETY AND WELLBEING OF CHILDREN AND THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN FROM HARM

Robina Outside School Hours Care regards as of utmost importance its role in the protection of children in its care. This includes the moral and legal duties to care for children associated with the service whilst not in the care of their parents or other primary caregivers, and to commit to the safety and wellbeing of children whilst attending the SAC service

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD (NQS)

QUALITY AREA 2: CHILDRENS HEALTH AND SAFETY		
2.2	Safety	Each child is protected
2.2.1	Supervision	At all times, reasonable precautions and adequate supervision ensure children are protected from harm and hazard
2.2.3	Child protection	Management, educators and staff are aware of their roles and responsibilities to identify and respond to every child at risk of abuse or ne

EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES NATIONAL REGULATIONS	
166	Children not to be alone with visitors
84	Awareness of child protection law

OTHER RELEVANT PROVISIONS
Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 200 and Regulations 2011
Family and Child Commission Act 2014
Child Protection Act 1999 and Regulations 2000
Duty of Care

RELATED POLICIES

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Reporting of Child Abuse Policy
Behaviour Support and Management Policy
Role and Expectations of Educators Policy
Use of Photographic and Video Images of Children Policy

PROCEDURE

Management, Nominated Supervisors and educators shall be committed to providing an environment that is safe and promotes the well-being of all children at all times through:

- Requiring that educators and management sign a code of conduct
- Ensuring educator employment and training procedures are implemented so that the service employs suitable people and conducts adequate induction and orientation;
- Ensuring educators are directed that, when setting up for all activities, there is a safe physical environment as far as reasonably foreseeable and practicable;
- Children are actively supervised to ensure that they are protected from harm caused by:
 - Physical injury; and/or
 - Harassment and other non-physical harm to the child, whether caused by other children, staff, parents of other children or any other person;
- Educators seek to ensure that they are not alone at the service with a child, except in an emergency;
- Educators will supervise all areas available to children;
- Written parental permission will be obtained for children to be photographed at the service. Photographs will be for service use only;
- Educators will instruct the children to inform them when going to the toilet and will ensure that the Children’s Toileting Policy (see Policy 4.9) is followed at all times; and
- Educators, ancillary staff and volunteers are to comply with legal requirements to hold, the appropriate child worker clearances under the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000

The Approved Provider, or in the case of an Approved Provider being a corporation, the executive officers, will comply with legal requirements to hold a current positive suitability notice under the Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000. The Coordinator acts as, or has designated an appropriate person to act as, Quality Officer for the service (see Policy 10.1 – Quality Compliance) and in this capacity:

- Is to keep a copy of the current clearances and suitability notices referred to above; and
- Ensures that the service and its staff are aware of all legislative requirements and changes relating to the protection of children, including under the Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010 and Regulations 2011, Working with Children (Risk Management and Screening) Act 2000 and other relevant legislation.

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