

# The Kinder Garden



## Parent/Guardian and Family Involvement Policy

### Aim

At The Kinder Garden, we aim to encourage parents/guardians to be involved and contribute to the decisions of the education and care service. Parents'/guardians' wishes will be taken into account regarding the extent and type of involvement at our service. Parent/Guardian and family participation is viewed as a welcome and valued resource.

### Legislative Requirements

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010  
Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011  
National Quality Standards 2011  
NSW Department of Education

### Who is affected by this policy?

Educators  
Child  
Families  
Staff  
Management

### Implementation

- Parents/Guardians are welcome to visit at any time.
- Parents/Guardians are invited to make suggestions and contributions to the children's program, service menu, surveys, policies and procedures including enrolment and orientation.
- The expertise of families is recognised and parents/guardians share in decision making about their child's learning and wellbeing.
- Parents/guardians and other authorised family members are invited to share aspects of their culture with the educators, other staff and children: such as craft, cooking, music and language experiences (Such as favourite stories, stories from home cultures, special skills, talents or even bathing a new baby).
- Special activities will be arranged throughout the year to promote family and community participation in the service's activities.
- Parents are also invited to participate in the daily routine such as assisting in craft activities, special language activities and morning/afternoon tea.
- There will be an annual "Meet the Teacher" night at the beginning of each year to provide families the opportunity to meet the educators and discuss the program and their child.

**The Approved Provider/Nominated Supervisor will ensure that this policy is maintained and implemented at all times.**

### Sources

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011  
Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010  
Guide to National Quality Standards 2011  
Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority  
NSW Department of Education

### Review

The policy will be reviewed annually. Review will be conducted by management, employees, parents and any interested parties.

**Reviewed:** February 2017

**Date for next review:** February 2018