

The Kinder Garden



Partnerships with Families Policy

Aim

Parents can assist educators to increase their understanding of their children and support them in their child's learning and wellbeing whilst at The Kinder Garden. In turn, educators can help parents/guardians increase their competence and confidence in themselves as well as in their understanding of their children's development.

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
Children
Staff
Families

Implementation

The following guidelines will assist in helping educators to develop positive relationships with parents/guardians:

- Being respectful and supportive of families and their needs.
- Providing an informative and effective orientation upon enrolment, obtaining background information about the child and family.
- Involve parents/guardians in making decisions about their child/children.
- Provide an effective means of communication to families about their child's day and progress.
- Being accepting of individual differences in parenting and child rearing practices.
- Accept that some parents/guardians may not be able to give a lot to the service at particular times in their lives.
- Provide families with current information about community and support services.
- Parents/guardians will be encouraged to attend parent meetings, information nights and events throughout the year.
- Parents/Guardians will have the opportunity to make appointments to meet with educators when required.

We aim to have open communication between educators and parents/guardians which involves the exchange of information about the operation of the education and care service and the development and needs of the children. Such interactions will be based on mutual respect in a positive, open and responsive environment.

Regular information about the education and care service will be distributed to families.

Information, when required, will be available to parents of non-English background.

Educators will be available to discuss any parents concerns.

Parents/guardians will be involved in changes to the service's policies and procedures.

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

Sources

Education and Care Services National Law Act 2010

Draft Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011

Guide to National Quality Standards 2011

NSW Department of Education

Early Childhood Australia Code of Ethics Retrieved: 6th February 2017

Review

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

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Date for next review: February 2019