

Delivery and Collection of Children Policy

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QA2	2.3.2	Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury.
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National Regulations

Regs	99	Children leaving the education and care service premises
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Aim

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of children at all times.

Related Policies

Child protection Policy

Enrolment Policy

Family Law and Access Policy

Incident, Injury, Trauma and Illness Policy

Implementation

The Nominated Supervisor, educators, staff and volunteers will adhere to the following procedure at all times to ensure the safety of children.

Arrival

- All children must be signed in by their parent or person who delivers the child to our service. If the parent or other person forgets to sign the child in they will be signed in by the nominated supervisor or an educator.
- An educator will greet and receive each child to ensure the child is cared for at all times.
- A family information pocket will be made available to children and their families. Each pocket will be identifiable by the parent and child's name.

Departure

- All children must be signed out by their parent or person who collects the child from our service. If the parent or other person forgets to sign the child out they will be signed out by the nominated supervisor or an educator.

- Children can only be collected by a parent, an authorised nominee named on their enrolment record, or a person authorised by a parent or authorised nominee to collect the child. Children may leave the premises if a parent or authorised nominee provides written authorisation for the child to leave the premises, including authorisation to go on an excursion (please refer Excursion Policy).
 - No child will be released into the care of an unauthorised person. If the person becomes aggressive or violent and will not leave the premises the Nominated Supervisor or educator will:
 - ensure the safety of all children and adults at the service, and implement lockdown procedures if required
 - ring the police on 000.
 - Nominated Supervisors will ensure that the authorised nominee pick-up list for each child is kept up to date. It is our policy that we do not allow anyone under the age of 16 to collect children.
 - No child will be released into the care of anyone not known to educators. Parents must give prior notice where:
 - the person collecting the child is someone other than those mentioned on the enrolment form (eg in an emergency) or
 - there is a variation in the persons picking up the child, including where the child is collected by an authorised nominee who is unknown to educators.
- If educators do not know the person by appearance, the person must be able to produce some photo identification. If educators cannot verify the person's identity they will be unable to release the child into that person's care.
- If the person collecting the child appears to be intoxicated, or under the influence of drugs, and educators feel that the person is unfit to take responsibility for the child, educators will:
 - discuss their concerns with the person, if possible without the child being present
 - suggest they contact another parent or authorised nominee to collect the child.
 - educators will inform the police of the circumstances, the person's name and vehicle registration number if the person insists on taking the child. Educators cannot prevent an incapacitated parent from collecting a child, but must consider their obligations under the relevant child protection laws.
 - If a child has not been collected by the time we are due to close the service, the Nominated Supervisor will:
 - attempt to contact the parents or other authorised nominees. (Earlier attempts may have also been made to contact the parents and nominees)
 - leave a voicemail or SMS message on the parent's phone if they do not answer advising he or she will wait up to 30 minutes before ringing the police or Child Protection Hotline
 - wait for 30 minutes and, if the parents or authorised nominee has not arrived, ring the police or Child Protection Hotline for guidance on the appropriate action to take.
 - At the end of each day educators will check all beds and the premises including outdoors and indoors to ensure that no child remains on the premises after the service closes (refer Lock Up Policy).
 - Children may leave the premises in the event of an emergency, including medical emergencies.
 - Details of absences during the day will be recorded.

Sources

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011

Early Years Learning Framework

National Quality Standard

Work Health and Safety Act 2012

Work Health and Safety Regulation 2012

Review

The policy will be reviewed annually by:

- Management
- Employees
- Families
- Interested Parties

Next review date: July 2015