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Relevant
Legislation &
Standards

Education and Care Services National Regulations

National Quality Standards

The Public Health Amendment (Vaccination of Children Attending Child Care Facilities) Act 2013

Aim / Policy
Statement

At Goulburn Pre-School ensuring the health and safety of children, staff and their families is a core focus. Educators need to be aware of the likelihood of young children being exposed to infectious illnesses at Pre-School. Maintaining appropriate hygiene practices within the Pre-School and supporting young children in health and hygiene practices assist in the prevention of infectious diseases.

Communication and providing information to families and carers will further support maintaining a healthy and safe environment.

Goals

To minimise children and educators exposure to infectious diseases Goulburn Pre-School will:

- Follow all recommended guidelines from NSW Department of Health and Staying Healthy in Child Care (5th Edition);
- Promote practices that reduce the transmission of infectious diseases;
- Exclude children and staff who are unwell;
- Support and provide information to families in relation to up to date immunisation;
- Support and promote effective hand washing practices.

Strategies

Goulburn Pre-School will:

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- Provide families with information in relation to infectious diseases
- Implementation of the
- Develop procedures for maintaining a hygienic environment;
- Guide children's understanding in relation to health and hygiene within the program and routine of the day;
- Support staff and educators to be aware of relevant immunisation guidelines for themselves and for the children in their care;
- Maintain current records regarding the current immunisation status of children and staff as well as any relevant medical conditions disclosed by the families;
- Develop enrolment procedures

Educators will:

- Ensure any children suspected of having an infectious illness are responded to and their health and emotional needs are supported;
- Implement appropriate health and safety procedures when tending to children who are unwell;
- Ensure families are notified of the need to collect their unwell child as soon as practical;
- Advise the family to notify the Pre-School if their child is diagnosed with an infectious disease;
- Maintain their own immunisation status and notify the Nominated Supervisor when immunisation status is updated;
- Provide and support learning opportunities that engage good hygiene practices throughout the program and the routine of the day;
- Implement Goulburn Pre-School's health and hygiene policies and practices by:
 - effective hand washing practices;
 - supporting routine and daily cleaning tasks in all areas of the Pre-School;
 - following nappy change and toileting procedures effectively;
 - wearing gloves when dealing with body fluids;
 - following correct food handling procedures.
- Contribute to the development and review of health and safety practices within Goulburn Pre-School.
- Attend training as offered to maintain up to date information in relation to health and safety.

Families will:

- Advise the Pre-School of their child's immunisation status by providing a current ACIR statement, catch up schedule or objection form.
- Inform the Pre-School when immunisation status is updated.

Evaluation

Infectious diseases are managed and controlled within the Goulburn Pre-School environment to ensure a safe and healthy environment. Contribution and evaluation of this policy is welcomed at all times from health professionals, educators, staff and families.

Resources and Attachments

- Goulburn Pre-School Accident / Illness / Incident Form
- Goulburn Pre-School Hand Washing Policy
- Goulburn Pre-School Enrolment and Orientation Policy
- Goulburn Pre-School Infectious Diseases Notification
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- Community Child Care Co-Operative NSW Sample Policies
- Staying Healthy in Childcare (5th Edition) www.nhmrc.gov.au
- Immunisation Kit and Register Template