

Enrolment Policy

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QA2	2.1.1	Each child's health needs are supported.
	2.1.4	Steps are taken to control the spread of infectious diseases and to manage injuries and illness, in accordance with recognised guidelines.
	2.2.1	Healthy eating is promoted and food and drinks provided by the service are nutritious and appropriate for each child.
	2.3.1	Children are adequately supervised at all times.
	2.3	Each child is protected.
	2.3.2	Every reasonable precaution is taken to protect children from harm and any hazard likely to cause injury.
	2.3.3	Plans to effectively manage incidents and emergencies are developed in consultation with relevant authorities, practised and implemented.
QA6	6.1	Respectful supportive relationships with families are developed and maintained.
	6.1.1	There is an effective enrolment and orientation process for families.
	6.2	Families are supported in their parenting role and their values and beliefs about child rearing are respected.

National Regulations

Regs	77	Health, hygiene and safe food practices
	78	Food and beverages
	79	Service providing food and beverages
	80	Weekly menu
	88	Infectious diseases
	90	Medical conditions policy
	92	Medication record
	93	Administration of medication
	96	Self-administration of medication
	97	Emergency and evacuation procedures
	99	Children leaving the education and care service premises
	100	Risk assessment must be conducted before excursion
	101	Conduct of risk assessment for excursion
	102	Authorisation for excursions
	157	Access for parents
	160	Child enrolment records to be kept by approved provider and family day care educator
	161	Authorisations to be kept in enrolment record
	162	Health information to be kept in enrolment record
	165	Offence to inadequately supervise children
	167	Offence relating to protection of children from harm and hazards
	168	Education and care service must have policies and procedures
	173	Prescribed information is to be displayed
	177	Prescribed enrolment and other documents to be kept by approved provider

	181	Confidentiality of records kept by approved provider
	183	Storage of records and other documents

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LO1	Children feel safe, secure, and supported
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Aim

To ensure that each child's enrolment is completed as per our legal requirements. Additionally, we aim to ensure that each child and family receives an enrolment and orientation process that meets their needs, allowing the family and child to feel safe and secure in the level of care that we provide.

Who is affected by this policy?

Children
Families
Educators

Implementation

Our service accepts enrolments of children aged between 0-6 years.

Before placing a child on our waitlist or preceding with an enrolment we require that families have a tour of the service first to view the environment and engage with educators.

Once a position has been offered and accepted families will be sent a link via our online portal Hub Hello, there families can complete a form with children and families information.

We ask that you complete as much of the information within the form as possible to give us a sound understand of you child.

Enrolments will be accepted providing:

- The maximum daily attendance does not exceed the approved number of places of the service.
- Child-educator ratios are maintained across the service.
- A vacancy is available. (Please see Priority of Access Guidelines in appendix)

Enrolment:

When a family has indicated their interest in enrolling their child in our service, the following will occur:

- A tour of our service. During this tour, the educator conducting the tour will give the family information about the service including, but not limited to, programming methods, meals, incursions, excursions, inclusion, fees, policies, procedures, our status as a Sun Smart service, regulations for our state and the licensing and assessment process, signing in and out procedure, the National Quality Framework, room routines, educator qualifications, introduction of educator in the room the child will be starting in and educator and parent communication. Families are also invited to ask any questions they may have.
- Families are given a copy of the Parent Handbook to read and are invited to ask questions.
- Discussions are held between office staff and families regarding availability of days, a start date and tailoring an orientation process to suit the needs of the family and child. Families are informed of the Priority of Access Policy, and have their position assessed as to how they place within this system. Any matters that are sensitive of nature, such as discussing a child's medical needs, Court Orders, parenting plans or parenting orders, will be discussed privately with the Nominated Supervisor at this time. We request that parents begin to fill out enrolment forms at that time, and discuss their child with us so we can accommodate their needs in the service from the first day they start with us. Should a child use English as a second language, or speak another language at home, we request that families provide us with some key words in the languages the child speaks at this time so that educators can learn the words.
- Families also need to contact Centrelink to have their eligibility for Child Care Subsidy assessed. If these details are available, we will complete the child's formal enrolment. Should a family still need to access this information, we will complete an informal enrolment until these details are finalised.
- As per our Orientation for Children Policy, families bring their child into the service at between 10am and 11am on a day in the week prior to the child commencing care. This is a great opportunity for families to verbally reiterate their child's routines as documented on their enrolment form, while their child becomes acquainted with their new peers and educators within their new early learning environment.
- Bottleforest does not take a bond from families prior to commencing care, you trust us with the care and education of your children and we trust you to keep on top of fee payments.

On the child's first day:

- The child and their family are welcomed into their room for the first day.
- The Nominated Supervisor and parents will ensure all details are finalised and complete.

Sources

Occupational Health and Safety Act 2000

Occupational Health and Safety Regulations 2001

Child and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998


Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011

National Quality Standard

Family Assistance Legislation Amendment (Child Care) Act 2010

Early Years Learning Framework

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Enrolment Checklist (National)		 Director
National Regulations	Part 4.7 – 160, 161, 162.	

All parts of the Enrolment Form completed and signed where necessary.	
All relevant information attached as required – court orders, parenting orders, parenting plans relating to powers, duties, responsibilities or authorities of any person in relation to the child or access to the child, the child’s residence or child’s contacts with parents or other person.	
All relevant information provided as required – cultural, religious, dietary requirements or additional needs.	
All authorisations are noted and signed by parents in relation to – authority for medical treatment, dental treatment, administration of general first aid products and ambulance transportation.	
All declarations of consent for being an emergency contact person are signed by the Authorised Nominee.	
Relevant health information is included – medical practitioner or medical service, Medicare number, dental practitioner or service, healthcare needs including medical conditions, allergies, anaphylaxis or at risk of anaphylaxis.	
All relevant information attached as required – medical management plan, anaphylaxis medical management plan or risk minimisation plan, dietary restrictions and immunisation status.	
Sunscreen and Photography policies explained and signed where necessary.	
Parent Information Pack discussed including relevant service policies and procedures.	
Bond and Administration Fee paid in full.	
Parents 1 & 2 DOB and CRN provided.	
Child’s DOB and CRN provided.	
Child’s Birth Certificate or equivalent cited.	
All indemnity and permission notes signed.	
Authorisation signed for the service to take child on regular outings.	

Authorisation signed for the service for child to participate in incursions.	
Sign in/out procedure explained.	
Tour of service and introduction to educators.	
Medication and Illness procedures explained.	
Guiding Children's Behaviour Policy explained and discussed.	
Credit reference check permission form signed.	
Direct Debit form completed/method of payment for fees established.	

Priority of Access Guidelines

Sometimes, there may be a waiting list for child care services and to ensure the system is fair, the Australian Government has "Priority of Access Guidelines" for allocating places in these circumstances. The guidelines only apply to approved child care. They are used when there is a waiting list for a child care service or when a number of parents are applying for a limited number of vacant places.

Every approved child care service has to abide by the guidelines and must inform families when a child is enrolled into the service.

Priorities

- First Priority: a child at risk of serious abuse or neglect;
- Second Priority: a child of a single parent who satisfies, or of parents who both satisfy, the work/training/study test under Section 14 of the 'A New Tax System (Family Assistance) Act 1999';
- Third Priority: any other child.

Within these main categories priority should also be given to the following children:

- children in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families;
- children in families which include a disabled person;
- children in families which include an individual whose adjusted taxable income does not exceed the lower income threshold of \$39 785 for 2011-2012, or who or whose partner are on income support;
- children in families from a non-English speaking background;
- children in socially isolated families; and

- children of single parents.

A child care service may require a Priority 3 child to vacate a place to make room for a child with a higher priority. This is done at the discretion of the service. They can only do so if parents -

- are notified when your child first entered care that your service follows this policy
- are given at least 14 business days notice of the need for your child to vacate (28 days if notice is given in December).

Separate to the Australian Government's Priority of Access Guidelines, and once these guidelines have been met; our service also prioritises siblings of children who are already enrolled at the service.