

# **Enrolment and Orientation Procedure**

This procedure should be read in conjunction with the 'Partnerships with our Community Policy'

## **Enrolling at the Service**

- 1. An Enrolment Form must be completed by each enrolling family.
- 2. Upon enrolment families will receive a Parent Handbook which clearly outlines all steps to the enrolment process along with relevant policies for the care of their child while at the service.
- 3. The enrolment record will include the required information for each child stated in the Education and Care Services National Regulations.
- 4. Upon enrolment copies of the following documentation is required:
  - Child's Birth Certificate & current Immunisation History Statement
  - Medical Action Plans (eg Asthma, Anaphylaxis, Diabetes, Epilepsy, etc.)
  - Also, if applicable current letter of diagnosis of any medical or behavioural conditions, dated within the last 12 months.
  - Any relevant Court Orders or Parenting Plans
- 5. Enrolment forms will be updated annually or when a family's circumstances change, to ensure information is current and correct.
- 6. Enrolment information will be kept in a confidential file. Access to this information is only available to Educators when approved by Management, parent/guardian and authorised Government Officers as per the Privacy Statement.
- 7. To secure a booking, a bond is payable upon enrolment prior to the child starting.

#### **Enrolment Amendments**

- Changes to bookings must be made in writing a minimum of one week prior to the change by completing a 'New Care Arrangement Form'.
- Cancellation of enrolment must be notified at least once week prior to withdrawal by completing a 'Withdrawal Form'. If notification is not given, one week's fees will be charged in lieu of notice at full fee rate in accordance with government guidelines.

## Orientation

- New families will be invited to visit the service with their child to familiarise themselves with the service prior to the child's attendance.
- New families will be offered a tour of the premises which will include introductions to Educators, children from the same school and will highlight specific policies and procedures that families need to know about the service.



### **Child's First Day**

- Parents are invited to stay for a short while to ensure that their children are settled into the service where possible.
- Parents are encouraged to express any concerns they may have in regard to their child starting at the service.
- Children who are unhappy when separating from their family will be supported by the Educator and offered reassurance until they are settled.
- Existing children will be invited to assist new children into the service by introducing them to their friends, the routines of the service and acting as a buddy for the child's first few weeks at the service.

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