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Rationale

This statement has been developed to provide an overview of the areas of medication and health covered by policies developed and maintained by Medowie Gumnut Preschool, Maintaining a healthy, safe and inclusive environment for education, children and families, is paramount for high quality education and care.

Strategies and practices

The Approved Provider will:

- Ensure that the Nominated Supervisor, educators and volunteers at Medowie Gumnut Preschool implement adequate health and hygiene practices
- Ensure that educators have the skills, training and expertise required to support the inclusion of children with additional health needs
- Ensure that educators follow procedures and guidelines set out by the *NSW Department of Health and the Education and Care Services National Regulations* to keep their environment safe.
- Ensure that confidentiality and storage of medication and health records according to regulatory requirements

The Nominated Supervisor will:

- Implement policies and ensure that educators and volunteers at Medowie Gumnut Preschool implement adequate health and hygiene practices
- Maintain information in the enrolment records of all children regarding health and medications in accordance with legislative requirements.

Procedures:

- Regularly review health and medication policies in collaboration with educators and families
- Develop risk minimisation plan for children who have specific health care needs
- Liaise with health care professionals in the community to ensure that knowledge is updated and shared with families
- Facilitate effective care and health management for children who are taking medications for health problems, prevention and/or management of acute episodes of medical emergencies through the safe administration of medication

Resources

- National Health and medical research council – www.nhmrc.gov.au
- NSW Department of Health www.health.nsw.gov.au
- Immunise Australia Program – www.immunise.health.gov.au
- Anaphylaxis Australia – www.allergyfacts.org.au
- Asthma Foundation – www.asthmafoundation.org.au/NSW/Home.aspx
- NSW Poisons Information Centre – www.chw.edu.au/poisons/
- Early Childhood Australia – www.earlychildhoodaustralia.org.au
- Staying healthy in Child Care – Fourth Edition – 2005
- ECA – Code of Ethics

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