

2.7 Exclusion for Behavioural Reasons

Policy Statement

We have a duty of care to all children/young people and educators who attend or work at the service. A child/young person/young person whose behaviour is inappropriate or has caused the threat to safety or wellbeing, may be excluded from the service temporarily or, in some cases permanently if:

- A child/young person exhibits inappropriate behaviour or behaviour which threatens the safety or wellbeing of any child/young person or other persons in the service
- In the Coordinator's reasonable opinion, the behaviour amounts, or may amount, to a threat to the safety or wellbeing of any child/young person or other person in the service; and/or
- The behavior support and management procedures (see policy 2.6) have been properly applied first but without success, or the behavior presents such an immediate potential threat that it is not reasonably possible to apply those procedures

Procedures

- ❖ If, after following the Behaviour Support and Management Policy, the unacceptable behaviours continue:
 - The Approved Provider will be notified; and
 - A letter will be sent to the parent/guardian detailing the child/young person's behaviours, exclusion time and expected return date.
- ❖ Prior to the child/young person's return, a meeting will be held between the Coordinator, parent and child/young person to discuss possible strategies.
- ❖ A behaviour support plan will be developed for including the child/young person back into the program. If the child/young person is included back and the same behaviour continues upon return, the child/young person will be excluded permanently from the service.

Physical danger to child/young person or others

- ❖ If a child/young person's behaviour causes or may reasonably cause physical danger to other children/young people, educators or the child/young person themselves, the parent/guardian of that child/young person will be contacted immediately and asked to collect the child/young person.
- ❖ The child/young person will be excluded from the program effective immediately and the lifting of the exclusion will be at the discretion of the Coordinator and Approved Provider.

Exclusion from school

For services located on a school site, if the Coordinator becomes aware of any child/young person, who usually attends the service, being excluded from the school, they will:

- ❖ Contact the school to confirm exclusion
- ❖ Speak with the Principal to confirm if exclusion applies at the OSHC service; and
- ❖ Contact the parent to confirm exclusion from the service (in accordance with Principal's direction).

References

- Education and Care Services National Law Act, 2010 and Regulations 2011
- Duty of Care
- Relevant Policies: Respect for Children/young people, Behaviour Support and Management, Observational Recording, Communication with Families, Complaints Handling.

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