

Acceptance and Refusal of Authorisation:

POLICY STATEMENT:

Grays Point Activity Centre will request authorisation from families when required to ensure the safety of the children and Staff and may refuse a request unless the appropriate authorisation is provided. For example, if a child is to attend an extra-curricular activity for which authorisation is required, but has not been given, this will result in the child not being able to participate in the activity. Preferably, authorisation is required in written format, however in some circumstances Staff discretion may be used.

The Education and Care Services National Regulations require Services to ensure that an authorisation (permission) is obtained from families in certain situations. For example, the Regulations stipulate an authorisation must be obtained for:

- Administering medication to children (Regulation 93)
- Children leaving the premises of a Service with a person who is not a parent of the child (Regulation 99)
- Children being taken on excursions (Regulation 102)
- Access to personal records (Regulation 181)

Authorisation from families may also be required if:

- A child is leaving the Service to attend an extra-curricular activity away from the Service, for example, attending a sporting activity, dance, drama, etc. that is run by a provider other than Activity Centre.

PROCEDURES:

The Nominated Supervisor, or the person in day-to-day charge of the service will:

- Ensure documentation relating to authorisation (permission) from families contains:
 - ✓ The name of the child enrolled in the Service;
 - ✓ The date;
 - ✓ Signature of the child's parent/guardian or Nominated Person who is on the Enrolment Form;
 - ✓ The approximate time the child will return to the service if the child is leaving the Service to attend an extra-curricular activity and the time they will return to the Service (if applicable);
 - ✓ The original form/letter provided by the Service
- Apply these authorisations to the following:
 - ✓ Collection of children
 - ✓ Administration of medication
 - ✓ Excursions
 - ✓ Access to records

- A child will not be permitted to leave the Service to attend any extra-curricular activity until authorisation is obtained. If previous written authorisation has been granted and the extra-curricular activity's date/time is changed as a once off - verbal, text message or an email will suffice approval as a once off.
- If the circumstances need permanent amendment the Centre will need to be provided with a new written authorisation.
- Obtain written authorisation, if a person other than the parents/guardian or other nominated person cannot collect the child.
- Ensure that children are not permitted to sign themselves out or leave the Service without an authorised adult, unless written authorisation has been given.
- In certain circumstances verbal authorisation, may be accepted at the discretion of the Responsible Person on duty. This would be relevant in situations where there has been an emergency situation and no one from the child's authorised list is able to collect the child. An email or text message is suitable as written authorisation. Upon next attendance at the Centre, the Service may request the previous authorisation in writing.
- Exercise the right to refuse if written or verbal authorisations do not comply with the requirements outlined above.
- Waive compliance for authorisation where a child requires emergency medical treatment for conditions such as Anaphylaxis or Asthma. The Service can administer medication without authorisation in these cases, provided they contact the family and Emergency Services as soon as practicable after the medication has been administered.

CONSIDERATIONS:

Education and Care Services National Regulations	National Quality Standard	Other Service Policies/documentation	Other
r93, 94, 99, 102, 157, 158, 161	Standard 2.3 and 7.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Parent Handbook - Staff Handbook - Enrolment and Orientation Policy - Administration of Medication Policy - Providing a Child Safe Environment Policy 	<p>Extracurricular activity permission form.</p> <p>Permission for sign in/sign out/early departure.</p>

ENDORSEMENT BY THE SERVICE:

Approval date: _____

Date for review: _____

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