

# Parental Involvement



## Policy

This Centre aims to foster positive interaction between families, educators and other staff seeking to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes for both parties. It welcomes and encourages families to participate in the daily program of the centre.

## Background

Much of the research done in the area suggests that parents' influence is a major factor in ensuring long term life and learning outcomes for children. Early Childhood Education and legislation provides further support for this view. However, participation requires families and child care professionals to take responsibility for providing information to each other and to consider and respect each other's views and ideas.

This Policy satisfies the following Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011 Quality Area 6, Standards 6.1, 6.2, and 6.3.

## Practices

Families are welcome in the Centre at any time during the hours of operation.

Parents can be involved in the Centre after consultation with the director by:

- Contributing to daily activities and/or group time by utilising one's skills, e.g. cooking, music, drama, and reading
- Taking a group for a topic talk, e.g. telling about an occupation: nurse, dentist, police officer
- Fundraising in collaboration with the Responsible Person
- Offering feedback

Some guidelines for educators to consider in their interaction with families/carers:

- Begin with an attitude of respect for parents
- Involve families/carers where possible in making decisions about the child's experience.
- Establish a pattern of conversation and an exchange of information on arrival and departure by getting up and greeting them.

When parents/carers have a grievance, it should be directed to the Responsible Person. Any grievance will be handled with confidentiality and documented. (See Grievance Policy).

The Janelle Street Centre has a zero tolerance policy with regard to abusive or inappropriate behaviour from parents/carers in the centre. Parents/carers who exhibit abusive behaviour to staff or inappropriate behaviour with or in front of other children will be asked to leave the premises immediately. If necessary the police will be called. Such behaviour from a parent/carer may result in the child/children's care being cancelled at the discretion of the board and the director in order to maintain a safe and positive learning environment for all.

## Sources

- [www.littlehamptonelc.com.au](http://www.littlehamptonelc.com.au) (accessed October 12, 2022)
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