

2.7 Exclusion for Behavioural Reasons Policy

The service has a duty of care to all children and educators who attend or work at the service. If,

- A child exhibits inappropriate behaviour or behaviour which threatens the safety or wellbeing of any child or other person 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 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 possible to apply those procedures;

the child 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.



Relevant Laws and other Provisions

The laws and other provisions affecting this policy include:

- *Education and Care Services National Law Act, 2010 and Regulations 2011*
- *Duty of Care*
- *National Quality Standard, Quality Area 5 – Relationships with children and Quality Area 6 – Respectful relationships with families are developed and maintained and families are supported in their parenting role*
- *Policies: 2.1 - Respect for Children, 2.6 - Behaviour Support and Management, 3.10 – Observational Recording, 9.3 – Communication with Families, 9.5 – Complaints Handling.*



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's behaviours, exclusion time and expected return date.

Prior to the child's return, a meeting will be held between the Coordinator, parent, and child to discuss strategies.

A behaviour support plan will be developed for including the child back into the program. If the child is included back and the same behaviour continues upon return, the child will be excluded permanently from the service.

Physical danger to child or others

If a child's behaviour causes or may cause physical danger to other children, educators, or the child themselves, the parent/guardian of that child will be contacted immediately and asked to collect the child.

The child may 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 Nominated Supervisor becomes aware of any child, who usually attends the service, being excluded from the school, they will:

- Contact the school to confirm exclusion.
- Contact the parent to confirm exclusion from the service.

DATE DEVELOPED	DATE RATIFIED	DATE REVIEWED	DATE RATIFIED
August 2018	August 2018	March 2021	May 2021
		FEB 2022	July 2022