

Stockton Public School Preschool Procedure



Water Safety

Reviewed:

| Education and care services regulation/s | NSW Department of Education policy, procedure or guidelines | Preschool Handbook reference | School policy or procedure, where applicable |
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| <u>Regulation 168 (2)(a)</u> | <p>The following department policy can be accessed from the preschool section of the department's website;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Excursion Policy PD/2004/0010/V07 | 45 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closely supervise children near any water at all times, never leave children alone near any water. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not install a swimming pool or wading pool on the premises. Teach children about staying safe in and around water. Ensure water troughs or containers for water play are filled to a safe level. Do not leave buckets, water play trough or any other water hazards unsupervised in the preschool premises. Empty after use and cover water trough. Store equipment to prevent collection of water. Check garden after watering or rain and empty water that has collected in holes or containers. Buckets of water used during cleaning after craft or throughout the day are to be filled immediately before use, supervised by an adult while in use, and emptied immediately and cleaned thoroughly after use. Provide clean drinking water at all times. The water will be supervised to ensure that it is safe and hygienic for consuming. Water containers will be securely sealed. At the end of each day the water container will be emptied and cleaned thoroughly. A bubbler is available for children's use and is cleaned regularly. Hot water is not accessible to children. The hot water is located in the staff kitchen will be maintained at the temperature of 43.5 degrees C. Thermostatic valves to be tested and | | | |

served annually by a plumber. The hot water tap is isolated behind a locked door at all times.

- Adults may carry and consume hot drinks only in approved thermal mug.
- A risk assessment will be conducted prior to any excursion taking place. Particular attention will be focused upon water safety where the excursion is near a body of water.
- Keep cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) guide in outdoor play area.
- At all times, when children are present, there must be at least one contact staff member with a current approved first aid qualification, on the premises. It is best practice for all contact staff to hold current approved First Aid Certificates. All contact staff are required to keep first aid qualifications up to date.
- Preschool has a water feature frog pond .A separate risk minimisation plan has been developed to educate the children for safe practices around the water feature. A protective wire guard is covering the water feature to prevent children from accessing the water.
- A water tank is accessible to children only under close and direct supervision of staff. They are able to fill up watering cans for use in the gardens. Staff turn the tap on and off and monitor closely the amount of water used.
- The mud kitchen has a sink that is filled by staff each day to a depth of 15cms. The sink water is actively monitored and supervised by staff.

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