

PROVISION OF CARE - INTERACTIONS WITH CHILDREN

POLICY

Positive, supportive and individualised relationships with adults enhance and integrate the social, emotional, cognitive and physical development of young children. The manner in which adults interact with children is significant to the child's development and growth.

PROCEDURE

1. Educator interactions with children should ensure that:
 - children are guided towards positive and responsible behaviour.
 - children have the opportunity to freely choose activities and problem solve, and have access to learning experiences.
 - children are encouraged and supported towards self reliance and the development of positive self esteem.

2. The dignity and rights of the child must be maintained at all times. This includes:
 - child management techniques that do not include physical, verbal or emotional punishment, including, for example, punishment that humiliates, frightens or threatens the child.
 - guidance toward acceptable behaviour, with encouragement freely given.
 - respect for the child's family values.