



CHILDREN’S PERSONAL BELONGINGS

Settlers Farm OSHC acknowledges that children have personal and unique interests and as such may wish to bring in items which the service does not possess or offer. We allow children to bring in items from home they wish to use so that they find their time at OSHC more enjoyable. Children’s personal belongings are to remain the responsibility of that child and it is important families understand that whilst the service will attempt to guide the child to keep their belongings safe, is ultimately not responsible for the item whilst it is at OSHC.

Procedure:

- Any personal items that children bring are the responsibility of the child and not of the service.
- If sharing of personal items is being used to bully or exclude other children, the item will be confiscated and held until the child is collected.
- Where a child’s personal belongings have been vandalised or stolen, educators will investigate and deal with the matter using our Guiding Children’s Behaviour policy – the service is not responsible for any theft or damage to personal belongings.
- Where a child brings in a personal communication device, this device must not be used to be in contact with others through any means (i.e. text messaging, calling, facebooking etc.). Parents/caregivers must not contact their children via their personal communication device – contact can be made through the service’s phone.
- Where a child brings in a personal device capable of taking photo/video recording, they are not to use these functions.
- Where a child brings in a device with multi-media capabilities, they may share these with others but only where the content is appropriate. If an educator suspect’s inappropriate content is being accessed, they will ask the child to show them the content. If the content is inappropriate the device will be confiscated and held until the child is collected. If the child refuses to show the content, the device will be confiscated at which time the educator will seek the consent of the child’s parent/caregiver to view the content. If the parent/caregiver does not give consent or where the Director has reasonable grounds to suspect the material is illegal, threatens the safety and welfare of children or presents child protection issues the Director may seek advice from their line manager and/or the police.

NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD

QUALITY AREA 2: CHILDREN’S HEALTH AND SAFETY		
2.2	Safety	Each child is protected.
2.2.1	Supervision	At all times, reasonable precautions and adequate supervision ensure children are protected from harm and hazard.

QUALITY AREA 5: RELATIONSHIPS WITH CHILDREN		
5.1	Relationships between educators and children	Respectful and equitable relationships are maintained with each child.



5.1.1	Positive educator to child interactions	Responsive and meaningful interactions build trusting relationships, which engage and support each child to feel secure, confident and included.
5.1.2	Dignity and rights of the child	The dignity and rights of every child are maintained.

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