

## 2.31 ACCIDENT PREVENTION STATEMENT

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### INTRODUCTION

The risk of accident is always present wherever children play. Lindfield Montessori School and its grounds need to be viewed as a potentially hazardous environment in which vigilance is the best safeguard.

The Approved Provider, Nominated Supervisor and members of staff are responsible for ensuring that Lindfield Montessori School provides a safe and protected environment and that any potential hazards are isolated until the danger has been removed. Parents contribute to accident prevention by ensuring that potentially hazardous items are not brought to school e.g. toys with small parts.

### PURPOSE

To maintain effective health and safety procedures that minimise the risk of accident to children, parents, staff and others at the school.

### STRATEGIES

#### **Safety Information and Education**

- Parents will be provided with information relating to current health and safety issues via the notice boards, bulletins and email.
- Children are made aware of safety issues through the educational program.
- Sleeping children are supervised in accordance with the Sleep and Rest Policy.

#### **Parking**

- Parents and staff are asked to drive carefully and adhere to the indicated speed limit.
- Parents are asked to park only in zones that are permitted and supervise their children closely as they leave and enter the car due to the busy nature of Moore Ave

#### **Dangerous Items**

The following items are not to be brought into school under any circumstances:

- Ropes
- Matches
- Balloons (except for art/science activities under teacher supervision)
- Peanuts or other nuts

Plastic bags are stored out of the reach of children and used only as the need arises. We encourage the use of 'wet bags' for clothing rather than single use plastic bags.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

### Approved Provider and Staff Responsibilities

- Children will be adequately always supervised in accordance with the National Law and Regulations
- The equipment and facilities are checked regularly by staff to ensure they are safe. Defective, broken or unsafe items will be removed until the necessary repairs have been made or the item replaced.
- The garden is checked for dangerous items daily.
- Hazardous substances are stored in accordance with the school's policy.
- Emergency phone numbers are displayed in the office.

### Parent Responsibilities

Parents are asked to follow school safety practices regarding the follow issues:

- Gates are to be opened by adults only.
- Adults allow only their own child/ren or child/ren in their care in and out of the school gates.
- Children are not allowed to play in storage areas or bathrooms.
- Medications to be administered at school are given to staff at drop off and a medication form completed.
- Children are to wear appropriate footwear.
- Toys are to remain at home.
- Parents report safety concerns to staff as they arise.

<b>Relevant Legislation</b>	Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011. Reg. 103, 115 Children (Education and Care Services National Law Application) Act 2010 Section 167 Work, Health and Safety Act 2011
<b>Related to NQS QA</b>	2.3.2, 3.1.2, 4.1, 6.1.2
<b>Related Policies</b>	Work, Health and Safety First Aid Incident, Injury, Trauma, and Illness Medical Conditions Sleep and Rest Building and Premises Safe and Supportive Environment
<b>Sources &amp; Further Reading</b>	

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