

DIABETES MANAGEMENT POLICY



INTRODUCTION

The management of a child's diabetic condition is dependent upon co-ordination between our school, the child's family and the child's doctor. Our school recognises the need to facilitate effective care and health management of children who have diabetes and the prevention and management of acute episodes of illness and medical emergencies.

AIMS

- To raise awareness of diabetes management amongst those involved in the school.
- To provide necessary strategies to ensure the health and safety of anyone with diabetes attending the school.
- To provide an environment in which anyone with diabetes can participate in all activities to the full extent of their capabilities.
- To provide a clear set of guidelines and expectations to be followed with regard to the management of diabetes.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Staff will:

- Identify children with diabetes during the enrolment process and ensure all staff are aware of this condition.
- Ensure that *Diabetes Action Plans* are received for anyone with a diagnoses of diabetes that contains information for the person's *Diabetic Management* and outline what to do in relation to any *Diabetic Emergency* the person might face.
- Ensure families provide the service with the child's testing kit and hypo pack if required.
- Store *Diabetes Action Plans* in the child's enrolment form and display with a photo in the office.
- Ensure that they are familiar with the symptoms or signs and the emergency treatment of a low blood glucose level.
- Call an ambulance if they feel emergency treatment is required.
- Ensure that a child's *Diabetes Action Plan* is followed at all times.
- Encourage open communication between families and staff regarding the status and impact of a diabetes child.
- Where necessary, modify activities in accordance with a child's needs and abilities.
- Promptly communicate any concerns to families should it be considered that the child's diabetes is limiting their ability to participate fully in all activities.
- Ensure that children with diabetes are treated the same as all other children.

Families will:

- Inform staff, either upon enrolment or on initial diagnosis, that their child has diabetes.
- Provide all relevant information regarding their child's diabetes via a written *Diabetes Action Plan*.
- Keep the child's testing kit and hypo pack updated as required.
- Notify the Nominated Supervisor, in writing, of any changes to the *Diabetes Action Plan*.
- Ensure that they comply with all requirements and procedures in relation to the Medications Record.
- Communicate all relevant information and concerns to educators as the need arises.

LEGISLATIVE LINKS

Education and Care Services National Regulations 2011: 90, 91
National Quality Standard: 2.1.1, 2.1.4, 2.3.2

LINKS TO OTHER POLICIES

Medical Conditions

SOURCES

Child Health and Education Support Services – www.chess.sa.edu.au
Health and Safety in Children's Centres, Model Policies and Practices - 2003

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