Partnership with families  
5th April to 9th April 2021

Dear Families,

As a part of the continuous improvement required by the National Quality Standard this week we are:

* looking to see if we can better connect children with their local community and include activities and experiences that reflect their daily lives. Can you suggest a community resource, organisation or person we could approach in this regard? We’d love to get your suggestions
* reviewing our Cerebral Palsy Policy, Cystic Fibrosis Policy and Epilepsy Policy. Summaries follow:

**Cerebral Palsy Policy**

Policy includes symptoms of Cerebral Palsy. In relation to children with cerebral palsy:

* + educators will comply with privacy principles when accessing and sharing a child’s medical information
  + educators will modify activities if required and assist children to participate in all activities
  + doctors must complete a Medical Management Plan which may include information about child’s diet, mobility, medication and therapy and care
  + Service will prepare a Risk Minimisation Plan in consultation with families to address events which may worsen a child’s symptoms or result in need for first aid
  + Service will prepare Medical Communications Plan to ensure all staff are aware of child’s condition and parents know how to advise changes
  + educators will encourage children to participate in all activities.

**Cystic Fibrosis Policy**

We will only enrol one child with Cystic Fibrosis (CF) at any time. They must have a Medical Management Plan which includes information about first aid, supervision, personal care, behaviour support and learning support. Educators:

* will notify the child’s family when there are outbreaks of infectious diseases
* will be familiar with any special dietary needs, medication and therapy requirements
* may help the child adjust their clothing to keep warm or cool
* will take actions to ensure CF children can participate in all activities eg by providing more rest periods.

**Epilepsy Policy**

Children with epilepsy must have a Medical Management Plan which includes information about first aid, seizure types and triggers and supervision needs. The Service will prepare a Risk Minimisation Plan

Educators will:

* go over any learning or activity a child misses during a seizure
* manage the epilepsy/administer medication in a supportive way which does not disrupt the child’s learning
* encourage children to participate in all activities

There are copies of the policies near the sign in/out sheet. Please take a moment to read them. We value any feedback you may have.

Nominated Supervisor