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Section 9. Management vs Leadership

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Room Leader

Aspect	Room Leader's Management Role	Room Leader's Leadership Role
Facilitating Child-	Organises daily schedules and activities to	Inspires and motivates the team to value and
Directed Learning	include time for child-directed play,	prioritise child-directed learning, sharing best
	ensuring the structure supports children's	practices and success stories.
	choices.	
Enhancing	Implements strategies within the room that	Champions the importance of children's
Children's Agency	enable children to make decisions and	agency, actively encouraging children to
	choices, ensuring they understand the	express their ideas and lead activities.
	options available to them.	
Educator Support	Coordinates training sessions for staff on	Mentors educators, fostering their skills and
and Development	child-directed learning approaches and	confidence in facilitating child-directed
	techniques.	learning and recognising children's
		contributions.
Creating an	Ensures the room is arranged to encourage	Leads by example in setting up engaging,
Enabling	exploration and choice, with accessible	flexible learning spaces that respond to
Environment	resources that promote independent	children's interests and encourage their
	learning.	agency.
Promoting	Applies inclusive practices that ensure all	Builds a team culture that values diversity,
Inclusion and	children have equal opportunities to	encouraging educators to incorporate a wide
Diversity	participate and make choices, regardless of	range of perspectives and cultural
	their abilities or backgrounds.	backgrounds into child-directed activities.
Guiding Risk	Sets up clear guidelines for children and	Encourages a thoughtful approach to risk,
Assessment	staff on assessing and managing risks in	helping children and educators understand
	child-directed activities, ensuring safety	the benefits of risk-taking for learning and
	while promoting learning.	development.
Reflective	Gathers and reviews feedback from	Facilitates reflective practice sessions with
Practice and	children, educators, and families on child-	staff, encouraging critical thinking about how
Feedback	directed learning experiences to identify	to enhance child-directed learning and better
	areas for improvement.	support children's agency.

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Educational Leader

Aspect	Educational Leader's Management Role	Educational Leader's Leadership Role
Championing Child-	Establishes guidelines and standards to	Inspires educators across the service to
Directed Learning	ensure child-directed learning is	embrace and innovate in child-directed
	consistently applied across all rooms.	learning, sharing impactful stories and
		outcomes.
Supporting	Develops policies that foster children's	Advocates passionately for children's agency,
Children's Agency	rights to make choices and have a say in	encouraging staff to recognise and respect
	their learning experiences.	children's choices and ideas.
Professional	Organises professional learning	Mentors and coaches educators, enhancing
Development of	opportunities focused on child-directed	their understanding and implementation of
Educators	learning principles and practices.	child-directed approaches.
Optimising the	Reviews and advises on the setup of	Leads by example, demonstrating innovative
Learning	learning environments to promote	ways to create engaging, dynamic spaces that
Environment	autonomy and choice for children.	encourage exploration and decision-making.
Ensuring Inclusivity	Implements strategies that guarantee all	Cultivates a culture of inclusion, prompting
	children, regardless of background or	educators to integrate diverse perspectives
	ability, can lead and make choices in their	and values into the learning environment.
	learning.	
Facilitating Safe	Sets frameworks for educators and	Encourages educators to view risk as a
Risk-Taking	children to engage in safe risk-taking,	positive aspect of learning, guiding them in
	balancing safety with learning	supporting children to assess and manage
	opportunities.	risks themselves.
Reflective Practice	Coordinates the collection and analysis of	Leads reflective discussions with teams,
and Feedback	feedback on child-directed learning	encouraging a culture of continuous
	practices to inform service improvements.	improvement and innovation in supporting
		children's agency.

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Nominated Supervisor

Aspect	Nominated Supervisor's Management Role	Nominated Supervisor's Leadership Role
Advocating for Child-Directed Learning	Implements service-wide policies to ensure the integration of child-directed learning in all programs.	Leads by vision, inspiring the whole service to value and pursue child-directed learning, sharing its importance for children's development.
Promoting Children's Agency	Develops and enforces procedures that empower children to make choices within their learning environments.	Champions children's rights and agency, encouraging staff at all levels to listen to and act upon children's voices and choices.
Staff Development and Support	Coordinates comprehensive training and upskilling for staff on facilitating child-directed learning and recognising children's agency.	Acts as a mentor to educators, providing guidance and support in adopting and refining child-centred practices.
Creating Enabling Environments	Oversees the arrangement and resources of environments to facilitate children's autonomy and engagement.	Demonstrates innovative approaches to creating spaces that inspire children to explore, choose, and learn independently.
Ensuring Equity and Access	Sets inclusivity standards to ensure every child, irrespective of their background or abilities, participates in directing their learning.	Builds a culture of equity and respect, motivating staff to incorporate diverse experiences and perspectives into the curriculum.
Guiding Risk Management	Establishes safety protocols that allow for managed risk-taking within child-directed activities.	Encourages a balanced approach to risk, advising staff on how to support children in safely navigating challenges for learning and growth.
Feedback and Continuous Improvement	Implements systems for gathering and analysing feedback from families, children, and educators to improve practices.	Facilitates a reflective practice culture, leading discussions on enhancing child-directed learning and supporting children's agency more effectively.