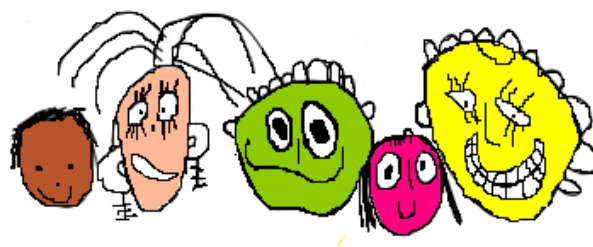


## Hamilton Community Pre-School

*"Where discoveries, learning and fun connect."*



### Information Sheets for Parents

# Supervision

Children need safe and secure environments to thrive in their life and learning. Effective supervision is integral to creating environments that are safe and responsive to the needs of all children. It also helps to protect children from hazards or harm that may arise from their play and daily routines. Effective supervision also allows educators to engage in meaningful interactions with children.

Educators promote children's learning and development by creating physical and social environments that have a positive impact. It is necessary for educators to be alert and aware of risks and hazards and the potential for accidents and injury, not only in their immediate location but also throughout the service. To provide effective supervision, educators are conscious of the physical environment and be attuned to the needs of individual children.

The Education and Care Services National Law and National Regulations require that all children being educated and cared for at an approved service are adequately supervised at all times and are protected from harm and hazards. There are also requirements to notify the regulatory authority of any serious incidents or complaints alleging the safety, health or wellbeing of children has been compromised. The National Regulations also prescribe the minimum number of educators required to educate and care for children and prescribe the required qualifications for educators, including how many educators are to be early childhood teachers. Services must maintain set educator-to-child ratios at all times based on the ages and number of children being educated and cared for at the service. The requirement for educator-to-child ratios in NSW is 1:10. At Hamilton Community Preschool we always have 3 staff members to 26 children.