Dental Health Policy

Quality Area 2: Children’s health and safety

Standard 2.1 Each child’s health is promoted.
Standard 2.2 Healthy eating and physical activity are embedded in the program for children.
Standard 2.3 Each child is protected.

In the interest of dental health the following guidelines are in place:

- Regularly providing parents/carers with appropriate dental hygiene pamphlets
- Providing water with meals and encouraging swishing of mouth with water after eating
- Encouraging fruit and vegetable consumption
- Nominated Supervisor and staff regularly informing parents/carers about the facility procedure/policy in relation to dental care, nutrition and general hygiene through newsletters, verbal communication and parent/carer meetings
- The active involvement of staff in oral health professional development opportunities and Educator updates as provided by local health authorities
- Display dental health information and resources for parents/carers during Dental Awareness Month (August).
- Only healthy foods, i.e., those containing minimal sugar and a nutritional content are permitted for meals at the service
- Children are invited to bring along toothbrushes to clean their teeth after meal times
- Educators will enter into discussion with children regarding dental health
- Encouraging children to discuss nutritional values and links to oral health through regular meal-time discussions
- Teaching children to care for teeth and gums through regular nutrition conversations and correct brushing techniques
- Dental hygiene experts will be invited to attend the Centre to provide the children and their families with current information on early childhood dental recommendations and safe practices
- Families will be asked on the enrolment form to provide us with permission to seek emergency dental care for your child when deemed necessary. We ask that you nominate a chosen dentist; however we may use a local dentist of our choice in an emergency
- The Centre will provide relevant and up to date information to families regarding dental health care sourced from the Australian Dental Association Inc.
This policy was made with consideration to Australian Dental Association Inc, Dental Health Services (Vic, WA) and Department of Health NSW

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