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GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE POLICY

At Port Pirie Community Kindergarten we promote open communication and believe that we provide a welcoming, supportive & safe place for children, parents and staff. We aim to build positive, open relationships between all members of our preschool community. However, in the event of a grievance, the following guidelines must be used. For further details refer to the Department's documents: - "Grievance Procedures for Employees" & "Grievance Resolution Policy" (located on DECD website) PRINCIPLES OF OUR POLICY:-

- Everyone deserves to be treated with respect
- Meetings to discuss grievances will be suspended if any person(s) behave in an insulting or offensive manner

CHILDREN	PARENTS/CARERS	STAFF
With a grievance should	With a grievance should	With a grievance should
1. Children are encouraged to	1. Arrange time to speak to	1. Arrange a time to speak to the
say "Stop it, I don't like	the relevant staff member	person concerned
that" and talk to the person	about the problem.	2. Allow reasonable time for the
about the problem.		issue to be addressed.
	2. Allow a reasonable time	3. If the grievance is not
2. Seek help from a staff	frame for the issue to be	resolved speak to :
member to talk to the person	addressed.	Director
about the problem or talk to		> OHS&W rep
their parent/carer.	3. If the grievance is not	Union Rep
	addressed satisfactorily,	Other in DECD
	arrange a time to speak with	Ask for their support in
3. Staff will use protective	the Director about the	addressing the grievance by:
behaviour strategies to	situation.	* Accompanying you to speak to
teach the children to use		the person
assertive language and	4. If your grievance is still	* Monitoring the situation
express their feelings	not resolved, arrange a time	* investigating your concern
	to discuss the situation with	* acting as a mediator
	the Regional Director or a	4. If the issue is not resolved
	Representative at the	within a reasonable time, arrange
	District Office.	time to speak to the Regional
		Director or representative.

Review dates :- (policy will be reviewed annually)

13/05/2002 16/09/2004 26/05/2005 4/03/07 01/04/08 13/02/09 5/3/2010 25/3/2011 25/5/2012