Short Walks in Local Area Policy

Rationale:

St Philip's Preschool Kindergarten believe there are times when learning can be enhanced by providing short supervised walks and access in the local community, and in accordance with Department for Education Policy and ACECQA (NQS), and EYLF Outcome "CHILDREN ARE CONNECTED WITH & CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR WORLD - Demonstrate a sense of belonging and comfort in their environment."

Parents will:

- Sign a consent form at the time of enrolment giving permission for their child to participate in spontaneous short walks in the local area

The Preschool will:

- Ensure a risk management plan has been made for such short walks and is left on display
- Use the Department for Education Excursion Day Checklist to ensure basic checks are consistently completed by staff and volunteers for the safety of children
- Plan short walks in the local area in accordance with the Camps and excursions – Guidelines for schools and preschools

Small Groups may participate spontaneously in a short walk offsite under the correct ratio of adult supervision where it is likely that learning could be greatly enhanced by doing so.

This Policy *will be shared with all new staff and families, and available to view in the Preschool Policies Folder and on the Preschool Website.*

Enrolled families *will be asked to confirm they have read and understand this Policy by signing the Information & Consents Form at the time of enrolment.*

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