



## Preschool care of chickens procedure

Associated National Quality Standard	Education and Care Services National Law or Regulation	Associated department policy, procedure or guideline
QA2: 2.1.2, 2.2.2 QA3: 3.2	<a href="#">Education and Care Services National Regulations: 103, 168</a>	The following department policies and relevant documents can be accessed from the preschool section of the department's <a href="#">website</a> ; <a href="#">Animal Welfare Policy - Schools</a>
<b>Pre-reading and reference documents</b>		
<a href="#">Preschool Handbook</a> Wellbeing, pg. 44		
<b>Staff roles and responsibilities</b>		
<b>School Principal</b>	<p>The principal as Nominated Supervisor, Educational Leader and Responsible Person holds primary responsibility for the preschool.</p> <p>The principal is responsible for ensuring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The preschool is compliant with legislative standards related to this procedure at all times.</li> <li>• All staff involved in the preschool are familiar with and implement this procedure.</li> <li>• All procedures are current and reviewed as part of a continuous cycle of self- assessment.</li> </ul>	
<b>Preschool Supervisor</b>	<p>The preschool supervisor supports the principal in their role and is responsible for leading the review of this procedure through a process of self-assessment and critical reflection. This could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysing complaints, incidents or issues and what the implications are for the updates to this procedure.</li> <li>• Reflecting on how this procedure is informed by relevant recognised authorities.</li> <li>• Ensuring changes are communicated with families and communities via our Preschool Facebook page, copies available to families when requested and procedures for review displayed on notice board at the Preschool entrance.</li> <li>• Leading discussion with immediate staff around updates in procedures. Each month all updated procedures are situated in the Preschool and school staff rooms and are accessible to all staff for reading to ensure practice is embedded.</li> </ul>	
<b>Preschool educators</b>	<p>The preschool educators are responsible for working with leadership to ensure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff in the preschool and daily practices comply with this procedure.</li> <li>• Storing this procedure in the preschool, and making it accessible to all staff, families, visitors and volunteers.</li> <li>• Being actively involved in the review of this procedure, as required,</li> </ul>	

	<p>or at least annually.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring the details of this procedure's review are documented.</li> </ul>
<b>Goals</b>	
	<p><i>Keeping chickens encourages the children to develop an understanding and respect the natural environment and the interdependence between people, plants, animals and the land, as outlined in the EYLF learning outcome 2 and in the NQS element 3.2.</i></p> <p><b>Goals</b></p> <p>Telarah Public School Preschool will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide a safe, clean and humane environment for the chickens.</li> <li>• Ensure pest control measures are regularly undertaken.</li> <li>• Ensure there are procedures in place for removing unwanted animals, pests and vermin from the premises.</li> </ul>
<b>Strategies</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educators will ensure that the chicken enclosure is kept clean and hygienic. Educators must ensure the chickens have clean bedding and water. Chicken feed is always available and kept in a pest/vermin proof container. During holiday periods, a roster will be set up for educators to come in and feed/clean etc.</li> <li>• Educators to check daily on arrival to ensure chickens are all active and healthy. If chickens are not well, consult a veterinarian as soon as possible.</li> <li>• Collect eggs daily, rub gently under warm water, write date gently with a pencil when collected and refrigerate immediately, with the pointy side facing down.</li> <li>• Children must be supervised upon always entering the chicken enclosure. Educators will manage any health and safety risks for the children as outlined in the Care of Chickens Risk Assessment, located in both the Chickens folder and Risk Assessment folder in the office. If children present with allergies to birds or feathers at the preschool, we will develop an individual health care plan as well as a risk minimisation plan to manage and lessen risks.</li> <li>• Chickens will not have access to food preparation areas or eating surfaces.</li> <li>• Bedding and nesting box straw to be changed at the beginning of each month by educators.</li> <li>• Chicken coop to be moved as needed and area that it was on prior to be raked.</li> <li>• Each September and March or if needed beforehand, educators to thoroughly clean chicken coop using water.</li> <li>• Chicken wormer to be added to the chicken's water every 3 months- January, April, July, and October.</li> <li>• Treat chickens for lice as needed and ensure they have a dirt area to bathe in, as this is a natural lice/mite deterrent.</li> </ul>

<b>Record of procedure's review</b>
<b>Date of review and who was involved</b>
15/10/2022: Aimee Vincent, Cathy Banister, Beth Cameron, Jordan McPhail, Andrea Lundy, Natalie O'Donnell and Julie Greedy.
<b>Key changes made and reason/s why</b>
No changes made
<b>Record of communication of significant changes to relevant stakeholders</b>

A copy is displayed at entrance of Preschool and copies available for preschool families to take home if requested. Posted on the Preschool Facebook page and school website. All relevant educators to review at regular staff meeting.

*Copy and paste a new table to record each occasion the procedure is reviewed*