



Kindergarten/Pre Primary Duty of Care

Policy/Procedure

In order to ensure adequate duty of care of your child before and after school we have reviewed the before and after school drop off and pick up processes/requirements for our Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students at Rivergums Primary School.

With due consideration and reflection on the Department of Education's Duty of Care Policy and the Early Childhood (K-2) Operational Handbook the school has put in place the following policy/procedure:

The school requires all students in Kindergarten and Pre-Primary classes to be dropped off or picked up by an adult (at or above the age of 18).

Students will not be released to adults who are not on the child's 'collection or drop off list'. Please register these names at the front office or in written form.

The caregiver/s dropping off students need to remain with them to ensure they are seated/or standing near their classroom and displaying the Rivergums PS rules. Teachers will open the door at 8:25 to accept duty of care/receive students.

Under regulation 69 of the School Education Regulations 2000 we request parents not to allow their child/ren to use any of the play equipment before and after school.

In exceptional circumstances the child can be dropped off or collected by a person under the age of 18. Whilst this is highly inadvisable parents need to understand the risk they are placing their child under should they take this course of action. The factors that will be taken into consideration are:

- The age and ability of the person collecting the student;
- The route to be taken home (e.g. does the students have to cross busy roads, walk past lakes, through bush land?), and
- The parent/guardian's instructions and the basis upon which these instructions were give.

Should you wish to follow this course of action please contact the front office for the appropriate form on 9523 7500 or rivergums.ps@education.wa.edu