



I01 Notification of Incident

Thank you for submitting your notification. Below is a copy of the information provided in your notification. If there are any issues, please contact your [Regulatory Authority](#) for assistance.

Notification of Incident

Provider

Provider Name	ACT Education Directorate
Provider Number	PR-00006465
Provider Approval Status	Approved

Service

Service Legal Entity Name	
Service Trading Name	Harrison School - Preschool Unit
Service Approval Number	SE-00011198
Service Approval Status	Approved

Incident Details

Incident Type	Reg 175-An allegation of physical or sexual abuse of a child or children at the service (other than an allegation raised as a formal complaint)
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Please supply the following information:

- Detailed description of the incident including nature of risk, cause etc
- Detailed description of impact on the operation of the service
- Involvement of emergency services or other authorities (if relevant)
- Action taken by Approved Provider to manage the risk
- Any other relevant information

On the morning of 18/11/2020 it was reported by a parent that on 17/11/2020 her child, P01 had her pants pulled down, her buttock cheeks pulled apart and a stick pushed into her vagina by another student, P02. She also reported that P03 did a wee in the preschool playaround.

- P01P01 (Preschool Executive Teacher) spoke to P01 on the morning of 18/11/2020. P01 initially said he did a wee in the playground and that he pulled down P02's pants. P01 said he didn't touch her.
- P02P01 talked to both P01 and P01 together. P01 told P01 that another student, P01 was pulling his pants down.
- P02P01 talked to P01. P01 stated that P01 pulled down his pants and P01's pants (including underwear). P01 agreed that he did do this.
- P02P01 then asked about a stick and P01 said it was meant to be poo coming out their bum. P01 agree. P01 and P01 were laughing and saying it was a game of "pull your pants down".
- P02P01 asked P01 and P01 if they liked the game. P01 asked P01 who said "no". When asked, P01 said she had asked P01 to stop and P01 said he did stop, which P01 agreed with.

When we became aware of the incident, we:

- sought additional information from the students involved
- informed the parents of P02 (2:10pm) and P01 (2:30pm)
- informed our school psychologist
- are reviewing the number of children out in the play area at any one time
- are reviewing the closure of certain areas of the play space
- are closing an indoor space for play and reallocate the supervision staff to the outdoor space
- making areas of supervision and responsibility for these clearer
- reiterated to staff the expectation of being active and vigilant while supervising play
- identified intentional teaching related to safe play and protective behaviours, commencing next week
- teachers have reiterated with students the importance of "hands off, feet off" and seeking help from an adult if they feel uncertain
- prepared information to go home to parents about the school's intention to deliver learning related to protective behaviours (wording below)

Dear Parents and Carers,

Preschool teachers and students will be discussing the importance of protective behaviours over the next couple of weeks. Protective behaviours are important personal safety skills.

The topics of discussion will relate to the following:

- Body Safety Rules: Understanding the importance of personal safety ; keeping self and others safe at preschool. Revisiting the concept of "safe hands" and the preschool rules of hands-off and feet-off.
- Respecting Self and Others: Understanding each other's wishes and showing respect when others say no.
- Seeking Help: Understanding that protective and trusted adults are those who can respond to situations, clarify worries and seek further support if required

Parents are encouraged to contribute to and extend these discussions at home and may wish to reference material from ACT Government publication "Protecting your kids: Personal safety education for parents."

Incident date

17/11/2020

This notification meets the requirements of the Education & Care Services National Law. You may also be required to notify the incident under your state or territory child protection law.

Please upload any relevant documentation



Harrison School - Information for CECA notification 20_11_2020.pdf	Email from Principal at Harrison School - RE: Incident 17 Novemeber
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