

1 Staff to Child Ratio

Background

Acorn Child Care Centre is governed by the Educational and Care Services National Regulations 2011 in relation to Staff to Child Ratios.

Policy Statement

Acorn Child Care Centre Branyan Street is licensed for 140 children and Acorn Child Care Centre Bargaara Road is licensed for 152. The following minimum and maximum staff ratios for each group apply:

Ages of children in group	Qualified Educator : child ratio
Birth to 24 months	1:4
15 months to 36 months (Acorn Branyan Only)	1:5
Older than 24 months to younger than 36 months	1:5
3 years to younger than 6 years	1:11
School Age	1:15

The centres' directors are in addition to the above staff. Other Groups and ratios are possible under our licence and may operate from time to time to meet specific requirements.

The Centres also provide Before/After School Care, Occasional Care and Vacation Care. Staff: Child ratios are maintained as required by the Education and Care Services National Regulations, 2014.

These ratios are determined by our licensed capacity and the Child Care Education and Care Services National Regulations, 2011. It is centre policy to ensure that we comply with the Education and Care Services National Regulations, 2011 at all times. QA 4.1.1, 7.1.1, 7.3.2

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