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Continuity of staff

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Section 9. Management vs Leadership
(Nominated Supervisor, Educational Leader, Room Leaders).

Room Leader

Aspect	Room Leader's Role in Practice	Room Leader's Leadership Role
Building Relationships	Maintain consistent presence to foster secure, trusting relationships with children, ensuring each child feels known and understood.	Lead by example in building positive relationships, guiding staff to recognise the importance of consistency for children's emotional wellbeing and learning.
Understanding Children's Needs	Regularly observe and document each child's interests, strengths, and areas needing support to tailor educational experiences.	Mentor educators to effectively observe and engage with children, encouraging them to adapt practices that align with individual needs.
Supporting Educator Continuity	Collaborate with management to create stable rosters and staffing schedules that prioritise continuity.	Advocate for team cohesion, working with management to implement strategies that retain qualified staff, such as flexible work options or recognition programs.
Promoting Staff Cohesion	Encourage open communication and support among team members to build a collaborative environment.	Organise team-building activities and foster a culture of pride and commitment within the room, celebrating educators' milestones and contributions.
Onboarding Relief Staff	Ensure relief staff are introduced properly, briefed on children's specific needs, and integrated smoothly into the daily routine.	Facilitate training and induction for relief educators, promoting a welcoming atmosphere that supports consistency in care and familiarisation with routines.
Professional Development	Identify and pursue professional learning opportunities aligned with the strengths and needs of the room's team.	Guide team members in setting individual performance and learning goals, supporting their development through targeted feedback and mentoring.
Retention Strategies	Contribute to a positive work environment that values educators' input and provides recognition for their dedication.	Implement initiatives such as recognition awards and mentorship to encourage long-term retention and reduce staff turnover.
Staffing Arrangements	Plan rosters that consider educators' experience, strengths, and preferences to optimise team effectiveness and continuity for children.	Collaborate with the leadership team to ensure strategic placement of educators based on their qualifications, tenure, and suitability for specific age groups.
Engagement with Families	Build relationships with families to enhance communication and support children's secure attachments with educators.	Lead initiatives that encourage family involvement and feedback, reinforcing the service's commitment to continuity and quality relationships.

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Educational Leader

Aspect	Educational Leader's Role in Practice	Educational Leader's Leadership Role
Building Relationships	Support and model consistent, relationship-focused practices among educators to strengthen secure attachments with children.	Lead discussions and training sessions on the importance of continuity for fostering children's wellbeing, learning, and development.
Understanding Children's Needs	Guide educators in documenting and responding to each child's strengths, interests, and areas of support to extend their learning experiences.	Provide professional guidance on how to tailor educational approaches based on a deep understanding of children's individual needs.
Supporting Educator Continuity	Develop and oversee strategies that promote stable staffing arrangements within the service, including mentorship programs.	Work with management to create policies that attract and retain committed staff, ensuring consistency for children.
Promoting Staff Cohesion	Encourage collaboration and mutual support among educators through structured team meetings and reflective practices.	Facilitate professional development programs that build team unity and recognise the contributions of educators to foster a sense of pride and belonging.
Onboarding Relief Staff	Implement thorough induction processes for relief staff, ensuring they understand the service's routines and expectations.	Oversee the integration of relief educators into the team, promoting a cohesive approach to maintaining continuity of care.
Professional Development	Identify the professional development needs of educators to maintain high-quality, consistent care.	Lead and coordinate training and mentoring programs that align with the service's goals for continuity and staff retention.
Retention Strategies	Advocate for flexible work practices and recognition initiatives that help retain experienced educators.	Collaborate with management to develop and implement strategies for staff recognition and professional growth opportunities, ensuring long-term engagement.
Exit Data Utilisation	Analyse exit data to understand patterns and reasons for staff turnover, using this to inform continuous improvement strategies.	Guide the service in refining practices based on data insights to improve retention and maintain continuity for children.
Staffing Arrangements	Support the placement of educators by advising on their strengths, experiences, and qualifications for optimal team effectiveness.	Lead discussions with management on strategic staffing arrangements to ensure educators are best placed to support children's development.
Engagement with Families	Encourage educators to build trusting relationships with families, promoting secure attachments for children.	Develop and oversee practices that seek family feedback and input to enhance relationships and demonstrate the service's commitment to continuity.

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Nominated Supervisor

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Building Relationships	Ensure that educators maintain consistent interactions with children to build secure, trusting relationships that enhance wellbeing.	Lead the development of policies that promote continuity of care and advocate for consistent educator-child relationships throughout the service.
Understanding Children's Needs	Oversee the implementation of practices where educators consistently observe and document children's interests, strengths, and support needs.	Provide strategic leadership to guide staff in aligning their approaches to best meet the individual needs of children through continuous care.
Supporting Educator Continuity	Implement staffing policies that promote stable work environments and minimise turnover.	Lead recruitment and retention efforts to ensure continuity of staff, including developing strategies to attract and keep qualified educators.
Promoting Staff Cohesion	Foster a culture where team cohesion is prioritised through regular meetings and collaborative activities.	Create and uphold policies that encourage teamwork and shared professional goals, boosting morale and cohesion among staff.
Onboarding Relief Staff	Ensure that relief staff receive comprehensive induction and orientation to the service's procedures, values, and expectations.	Manage the establishment of a consistent pool of trained relief educators to maintain service quality and continuity for children.
Professional Development	Oversee professional development plans for educators, ensuring their skills meet the needs of children and align with service goals.	Set performance and learning goals for educators, providing feedback and resources for continuous improvement that supports staff retention.
Retention Strategies	Implement initiatives such as recognition awards, flexible scheduling, and support for professional growth to maintain staff satisfaction.	Lead strategic planning for staff retention, including exit data analysis and proactive improvements to working conditions and incentives.
Exit Data Utilisation	Collect and analyse exit data to identify trends and make informed decisions about improving the work environment and staff retention.	Use exit data insights to refine staffing practices and policies, enhancing stability and reducing turnover.
Staffing Arrangements	Ensure rosters reflect the importance of continuity, placing experienced educators in roles that best support children's development.	Strategically plan and approve staffing allocations that consider educators' qualifications, tenure, and strengths to maintain a consistent quality of care.
Engagement with Families	Maintain open communication with families to reinforce trust and secure attachments between children and their educators.	Develop and monitor systems for obtaining and using family feedback to promote an environment where relationships are valued, and continuity is evident.

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