**TERM 4 ASSIGNMENT**

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**Q1:** **Based on your reading of the text, choose 3 most important aspects that you need to consider before you open your own preschool. You need to be convincing in stating why these are the most important factors.**

**Ans:** Preschools have become a flourishing business in India and the rest of the world. A preschool business can be a good choice if one has an interest in stimulating young minds, nurturing spirit and plenty of energy. Preschools have yielded high income and indeed are a lucrative business to invest in. A successful preschool depends on careful management of process from start to finish.

The 3 most important factors to be considered before starting a preschool are:

1. License guidelines:

It is important to know about the State Education Act and play to obtain the relevant registrations prior to starting a preschool. The State Government has a specific Private School Education Act which regulates the operations of a school. For a license, one requires to apply to the department and office of child care licensing or human resource department of the respective state. Often it happens that the department gives the license without much restrictions. One requires to submit the annual approved inspection report of various bodies like the fire brigade for fire safety measures, health care officer for the annual approved inspection, emergency evacuation check and criminal records check for the staff employed. The preschool must meet all the demands of the license. Licensing is the process of legalization if one intends to make it big in the long process.

1. Business Plan:

To start a preschool business, it is recommended to prepare a business plan. While working on a business plan, write out policies, procedures and handbooks for staff and families. One needs to invest in things like business research, rental advance, furniture, toys and equipment etc. One also needs to develop, under the guidance of local preschool licensing requirements, a disaster or crisis management plan and health, safety. The business plan for a preschool should consists of the following details:

1. Whether business will be full time or part time
2. Funds required for leasing, renting, salaries, vehicles, equipment, etc.
3. Infrastructure and location.
4. How many children will have to be catered to.
5. How many teaching, administrative and support staff need to be hired.
6. Indoor and outdoor area.
7. Location Infrastructure:

Location plays an important role in a preschool business. It is very important to invest time in searching for the correct location and adequate space to set up the preschool. The preschool ought to be located in a child friendly area and space should be adequate to set up infrastructure accordingly. Cleanliness and hygiene are vital for a preschool, so make sure the location is well maintained and does not possess any health risk. Enter into a long-term lease or rental with the landlord, in case the location is not an owned property, to ensure that the investment in terms of infrastructure and business development is not jeopardized.

**Good reading. Location, business plan, etc. no doubt plays an important role when setting your own preschool. Marketing and advertising, recruitment of experienced staff, appropriate curriculum development are also important aspects that you need to consider when setting your own pre - school. You can mention these points in the conclusion part of your answer.**

**A short conclusion to the answer makes it more presentable.**

**You are free to refer the course content or any other related sources but we expect you to write the entire answer in your own words.**

**Q3. Children must wash hands before and after meals. Justify the statement. Write in brief the proper procedure of hand washing.**

**Ans:** Hand Wash: Keeping hands clean is one of the most important steps we can take to avoid getting sick and spreading germs to others. Many diseases and conditions are spread by not washing hands with proper soap and clean running water.

Teaching hand wash to children:

1. Developing the skills to perform hygiene practices like hand washing independently is an important part of growing up.
2. Learning to wash their hands properly early in life helps children develop lifelong hand hygiene practices.
3. By the age of 5 children generally remember to wash their hands.
4. Teaching children hand wash skills takes focused attention from parents.
5. Teaching them to take care of their own bodies and health will also help build their confidence.

Children should specifically wash their hands before and after eating and playing:

Washing hands before and after meals is a simple and effective method of infection prevention. When we eat without washing our hands, the bacteria and germs that are left on fingers and palms can be transferred to the inside of the mouth. This can cause illness and infections.

For example: Sore throats are often associated with not washing hands before eating as the bacteria travels down the throat.

Not washing hands harms children around the world:

About 1.8 million children under the age of 5 years die each year from diarrheal diseases and pneumonia, the top 2 killers of young children around the world.

1. Hand washing with soap could protect about 1 out of every 3 young children who gets sick with diarrhea and almost 1 out of 5 young children with respiratory infections like pneumonia.
2. Although people around the world wash their hands with water but very few use soap to wash their hands. Soap removes germs much more effectively.
3. Hand washing education and access to soap can improve attendance in school.
4. Good hand washing early in life may help to improve child development in some settings.
5. Hand washing helps battle the rise in antibiotic resistance.
6. Estimated global rate of washing hands after using a toilet is only 19 %.
7. Proper procedure for hand wash: World Health Organization (WHO) recommends 5 easy steps of hand wash and it is as follows:
8. Wet your hands with clean running water, turn off the tap and apply soap.
9. Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the back of your hands, between fingers and under the nails.
10. Scrub the hands at least for 20 seconds.
11. Rinse your hands well under clean running water.
12. Dry hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

**Good job. Your answer focuses on relevant points. Hand washing technique should be followed. Teacher can model hand washing so that children will follow. Preference should be given to liquid soap over bar soap.**

**You are free to refer the course content or any other related sources but we expect you to write the entire answer in your own words.**

**Q4. Define Assessment. Why is assessment important and how does it help to develop curriculum?**

Ans: Assessment: The process of evaluating and measuring an individual’s achievement; is typically done with assessment tools such as assignments or examinations. It is a systematic process of documenting and using empirical data on the knowledge, skill, attitude and beliefs to refine programs and improve student learning.

Importance of assessment:

1. It is an integral part of instruction as it determines whether or not the goals of education are being met.
2. It affects decisions about grades, placement, advancement instructional needs and curriculum.

Assessment leads to development of curriculum:

The preschool teachers need to figure out the goals so that the curriculum can be designed accordingly. Assessment is one of the ways which will identify whether the games and activities are aligned with the goals. The information that we derive from assessment is the stepping stone for the curriculum development. The assessment generates inputs which can be incorporated in the lesson to guide the children towards the right direction. Depending on the keen observation of the children, the curriculum is designed in such a way that children imbibe qualities like sharing, cooperation, collaboration etc. that leads to social, emotional, physical development, etc.

**Well done. Assessment helps to measure child’s progress and point to improve. It also helps teachers to make necessary changes in the teaching styles as per the need of the learners.**

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**Appreciate your efforts. Keep it up!**

**Grade: A**