

## Early Childhood Education Directorate Convictions and Significant Enforcement Actions

Approved Provider	Pipdol Pty Ltd
Service Name	Cheeky Cherubs Preschool
Type of Service	Centre based education and care service
Action Taken	<p>Prosecution action against Pipdol Pty Ltd for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• one offence of failing to ensure adequate supervision of children – section 165(1) of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>;</li> <li>• one offence of failing to ensure that the relevant number of educators educating and caring for children at the service is no less than the prescribed number – section 169(1) of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>;</li> <li>• one offence of failing to comply with the conditions of the provider approval by not complying with the Law in respect to ensuring that the nominated supervisor and staff follow policies and procedures – section 19(4) of the of the <i>Children (Education and Care Services) National Law (NSW)</i>; and</li> <li>• one offence of failing to ensure that children only leave the service premises in accordance with the Regulations – clause 99(1) of the <i>Education and Care Services National Regulations (NSW)</i></li> </ul>
Date of conviction	19 July 2017
Sentence	Convicted at Gosford Local Court and fined a total of \$11,250

### Proven offence:

At 8:55am on 31 August 2015, three educators were on duty and 35 children were in attendance at the service. All of the children were under six years of age. Between approximately 8:55am and 9:15am a three (nearly four) year old child was able to leave the service premises undetected by the educators. The child walked along the street until being picked up by a member of the public, who returned the child to the service at 9:20am.

Pipdol Pty Ltd failed to:

- ensure that adequate supervision was provided;
- ensure that the service complied with the National Law and Regulations in respect to the educator to child ratios (three educators were present but four educators were required);
- ensure that a child did not leave the education and care service premises except in accordance with the Regulations; and
- comply with the conditions on the provider approval by not taking reasonable steps to ensure that the nominated supervisor and staff members followed the service's policies and procedures.