

<b>Details</b>		
1. Details of person /entity to whom the enforcement action relates	Approved Provider	Sparrow Nest Early Learning No 4 Pty Ltd
	Address	525 Ipswich Road, Annerley
	Service type	Centre based service
	Service name	Sparrow Early Learning Yarrabilba
2. Service address	3-5 Combs Street, Yarrabilba	
3. Nature of Enforcement Action	Prosecution	
4. Reason for Prosecution	<p>On 11 August 2023, three children aged 4 years old in the care of Sparrow Early Learning Yarrabilba left the service and were unaccounted for, unattended and unsupervised by staff for around 45 minutes. The children were located by a member of the public approximately 400m from the service.</p> <p>The Approved Provider pleaded guilty to contravening:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Section 165(1) Education and Care Services National Law (Queensland) – Offence to inadequately supervise children;</li> <li>2. Section 167(1) Education and Care Services National Law (Queensland) – Offence relating to protection of children from harm and hazards;</li> <li>3. Regulation 99(1) Education and Care Services National Regulations – Children leaving the education and care service premises.</li> </ol>	
4. Date of prosecution	<b>19 February 2026</b>	
5. Outcome of prosecution	The Approved Provider pleaded guilty to all charges and was fined \$20,000 for the combined charges and ordered to pay \$1855.35 in costs. No conviction was recorded.	