

Letter of offer to join Preschool Plus



Dear Parent/Guardian

We are pleased to advise that your child is eligible for the Flying Start Preschool Plus program and that a place has been identified for them at the service below.

Child's name:

Please respond by:

Preschool Plus start date:

Your early childhood service:

Address:

Contact number:

What is Preschool Plus?

Preschool for 3-year-olds is rolling out in preschools and long day care services across South Australia. Preschool Plus is a play-based early learning program that offers children additional hours of preschool, at ages 3 and 4, together with a range of family supports that make it easier to attend preschool. Through Preschool Plus, children can access up to 30 hours of teacher-led early learning each week in the two years before school. This is 15 hours more than standard preschool.

Why more hours?

Thirty hours of quality preschool each week helps your child grow, learn and develop in important ways. It supports their thinking, language and social skills, giving them stronger foundation for the future. It's also a great opportunity for children to build confidence, make friends, feel safe and supported and be better prepared to thrive in all areas of life.

The Preschool Plus program also includes extra support for children and families, making it easier to feel confident and supported throughout your child's early learning journey. See the attached fact sheet for more information.



Why you've received this offer

The Preschool Plus program is available for children most likely to benefit from additional preschool hours and embedded family support, referred by key government partners with a role in supporting families. In some locations, early childhood teachers will be supported to refer children into Preschool Plus places in their service.

If you choose to take up this opportunity, your early childhood service will work closely with you to support your child's attendance and participation in the program. This usually involves attending preschool for up to 30 hours per week, typically across 3–4 days, depending on the service.

What does it cost?

Your early childhood service will be able to give you information about any potential out-of-pocket costs. They can also explore if you might be eligible for Preschool Plus fee relief.

They will also be able to offer additional support to help your child attend preschool regularly. Speak to your early childhood service for more details.

Next steps

If you would like to accept this Preschool Plus offer, you will need to complete and sign the Preschool Plus Acceptance of Offer form.

Accepting a place in the Preschool Plus program is not compulsory. If you choose not to accept, your child will still be eligible for a 15-hour (standard) preschool enrolment.

Your referring practitioner or early childhood service will support the next steps which may include site visits, enrolment discussions and exploring Preschool Plus fee relief and other supports.

With many thanks,

The Office for Early Childhood Development

Attachments

- **Preschool Plus**
What it means for families fact sheet
- **Preschool Plus**
Acceptance of offer, declaration and consent form



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