

# Flying Start for kids



Data and funding

1 May 2026



Government of  
South Australia

# Acknowledgement of Country

## From the heart:

We acknowledge the Aboriginal peoples as the First peoples of South Australia and as custodians of the lands, waters, skies and communities where we live, learn and raise children.

We recognise Aboriginal peoples as having the longest living culture, raising children safe and strong in their Identity, Community, Culture, and connection to Country.

We pay our deep respects to Elders past and present, and their role as the first knowledge sharers for children. We follow in their footsteps.

Aboriginal peoples, working with and for children, are central in shaping our work. Their wisdom, advice, and guidance enriches our practices, creating a more inclusive and culturally safe environment for children and families.

We respect Aboriginal peoples' ways of being, doing and wise practices guiding our continual learning.

Together we walk and build stronger, more supportive communities for all children.



# By the end of today's session



## You will be familiar with:

- The process and timelines for Term 2 data submission, and
- Approach to annual financial acquittal.



## Term 2 confirmed data submission



This month, the Office for Early Childhood Development is collecting data for:

- Flying Start 3- and 4-year-old preschool **enrolments** during the Term 2 2026 reference period i.e., weeks 2 and 3 of Term 2 2026 (4 – 15 May 2026),
- All services must upload **fee relief calculators for all Preschool Plus fee relief eligible children** – both new and continuing. Calculators must be resubmitted each collection cycle, even if there are no changes, to confirm details remain current.

This data will need to be completed and finalised by **5.00pm ACST Friday 22 May 2026** and will inform your Quarter 3 payment in July 2026.

# SharePoint Libraries for Partner Services



- The Term 2 2026 data submission will be completed via the secure SharePoint site.
- **Each Partner Service** will have access to their **own secure SharePoint Library** to review and submit their data to the Office for Early Childhood Development for the required data reporting period.
- Detailed **step by step instructions** will be distributed week commencing 11 May 2026.

## What are the reporting requirements




- The Office for Early Childhood Development will:
  - **provide** each partner service with a **copy of the eligible confirmed and validated child enrolment data** from the Term 1 2026 confirmed enrolment data submission.
  - request that each service **identify and update any changes** to the child level data (including withdrawals or completion of the preschool program).
  - request that you **include any new confirmed enrolments for Term 2 2026 received since** submitting your **Term 1** confirmed data in February 2026.






# Timeline


Term 2  
reference  
period



Enrolment  
Data due



Payment  
Breakdowns  
distributed and  
Quarter 3  
payment made



Link to  
SharePoint sent  
with step-by-step  
instructions



Consultation  
with services



# Funded Program Streams – 2026



Funded Program Stream	Eligibility	Policy and Funding Guide reference
<b>Universal preschool program (up to 15 hours – 3- &amp; 4-year-old) enrolments</b>		
Teaching and learning	<b>All partner services</b>	Appendix 1 – Funding summary 2026
T&L regional loading	Partner services in certain ARIA levels	
Preschool Boost	<b>All partner services</b>	
Preschool Boost regional loading	Partner services in certain ARIA levels	
Backfill	<b>All partner services</b>	
Targeted Child Subsidy for Aboriginal Children	Partner services with Aboriginal children enrolled	
<b>Preschool Plus program (up to 30 hours – 3- &amp; 4-year-old) enrolments</b>		
Preschool Plus Teaching and learning	Partner services with Preschool Plus enrolment(s)	Rates: Appendix 1 – Funding summary 2026
Preschool Plus T&L regional loading	Partner services with Preschool Plus enrolment(s)	Detail: Appendix 4 – Preschool Plus program guide
Preschool Plus Preschool Boost	Partner services with Preschool Plus enrolment(s)	
Preschool Plus Outreach / RSP	Partner services with Preschool Plus enrolment(s)	Appendix 4 – Preschool Plus program guide
Preschool Plus fee relief	Preschool Plus enrolment that meets eligibility criteria	

# Funded Program Streams – 2026



Funded Program Stream	Eligibility	Acquittal requirements
<b>Universal preschool program (up to 15 hours – 3- &amp; 4-year-old) enrolments</b>		
Teaching and learning	<b>All partner services</b>	Financial acquittal as per Attachment 5 which details the total amount of funding received for each stream, with a requirement to enter the total amount expended across the calendar year.
T&L regional loading	Partner services in certain ARIA levels	
Backfill	<b>All partner services</b>	
Targeted Child Subsidy for Aboriginal Children	Partner services with Aboriginal children enrolled	
Preschool Boost	<b>All partner services</b>	Financial acquittal as per Attachment 5 and program acquittal as per the Targeted Support Plan in November.
Preschool Boost regional loading	Partner services in certain ARIA levels	
<b>Preschool Plus program (up to 30 hours – 3- &amp; 4-year-old) enrolments</b>		
Preschool Plus Teaching and learning	Partner services with Preschool Plus enrolment(s)	Financial acquittal as per Attachment 5 which details the total amount of funding received for each stream, with a requirement to enter the total amount expended across the calendar year.
Preschool Plus T&L regional loading	Partner services with Preschool Plus enrolment(s)	
Preschool Plus Preschool Boost	Partner services with Preschool Plus enrolment(s)	
Preschool Plus Outreach / RSP	Partner services with Preschool Plus enrolment(s)	
Preschool Plus fee relief	Preschool Plus enrolment that meets eligibility criteria	

# Annual payment and acquittal cycle



January, April, July  
and October

November

January

- Quarterly payments made at the provider level for the upcoming quarter (i.e., Term 2 enrolments inform Quarter 3 payment in July)
- Payment breakdown issued to providers for each partner service
  - Payment breakdown includes allocation per funded program stream
- Providers distribute service-level allocations

- OECD issues pre-filled Financial Acquittal to providers for each partner service
  - Financial Acquittal includes total funding paid in the calendar year per each funded program stream for a service

- Financial Acquittal for calendar year due by mid-January
- Unspent funds offset in future payment

January – December: Providers and services record expenses, keep evidence (receipts, invoices)

# Example – Acquittal and Payment Breakdown



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## Flying Start – Payment Breakdown

July 2026

Provider: PR-0000000 Provider name will be here  
Service: SE-0000000 Service name will be here  
SEIFA: 4 ARIA: Remote Australia

Eligible confirmed universal enrolments for Term 2 2026  
3-year-old (2YBFS): 5  
4-year-old (YBFS): 24

Eligible confirmed Preschool Plus enrolments for Term 2 2026  
3-year-old (2YBFS): 1  
4-year-old (YBFS): 0

Child Level Funding Stream	Funding Amount
Teaching and Learning	\$0.00
Remoteness Loading	\$0.00
Targeted Child Subsidy	\$0.00
Preschool Plus Fee Relief	\$0.00
Preschool Plus Outreach	\$0.00
<b>Service Level Funding Stream</b>	
Preschool Plus Preschool Boost	\$0.00
<b>Total (GST Exclusive)</b>	\$0.00
<b>Total (GST Inclusive)</b>	\$0.00

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## Eligible confirmed enrolments for Term 2 2026

Hours enrolled	2YBFS	YBFS
6	2	0
15	3	24
Preschool Plus 30 hours	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>24</b>

Preschool Plus Fee Relief	
Child Name	\$292.06
Child Name	\$395.04

Targeted child subsidy for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children	
Child Name	\$292.06
Child Name	\$395.04

Please contact the OECD via [OECD.PreschoolFunding@sa.gov.au](mailto:OECD.PreschoolFunding@sa.gov.au) if you have any queries.

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Attachment 5 – Acquittal Form

Income and Expenditure Statement for the year 1 January to 31 December 2026

<b>Provider details:</b>	Provider Approval Number Provider name as per ACECQA record
<b>Service details:</b>	Service Approval Number Service name as per ACECQA record Service address as per ACECQA record
<b>Recipient contact person for enquires:</b>	Name: Office held: Contact phone:

Use the following table to record the total expenditure of the Funding received for each Funded Program stream:

Funded Program Stream	Funding received (GST exclusive) (a)	Funding expenditure (GST exclusive) (b)
Teaching and Learning	\$ OECD insert	
Preschool Plus (up to 1,200 hours per annum)	\$ OECD insert	
Preschool Plus Fee Relief	\$ OECD insert	
Preschool Boost	\$ OECD insert	
Outreach	\$ OECD insert	
Backfill	\$ OECD insert	
<b>Funds remaining</b>	\$ (Total funding received – total funding expenditure)	

Note: Any unspent funds will be offset against future payments. Where no next payment exists, the provider must repay the unspent amount within 30 days of notification by the OECD.

**Certification**

We, the undersigned, certify that:

- the Funding received was used for the Purpose for which the Funding was provided – refer to Attachment 4 of the Funding Agreement;
- the Funding received was spent in accordance with the spending rules listed throughout the Policy and Funding Guide (updated annually);
- Across the year, the provider and service name listed above met all provider and service requirements as outlined in the Policy and Funding Guide and complied with all core partnership requirements to ensure eligibility to receive funding.

<b>Finance Manager/Treasurer</b>	<b>Authorised Officer</b>
Name:	Name:
Signature:	Signature:
Date:	Date:

Note: An authorised officer of the Recipient must sign this certification and by doing so, warrants that the signatory is duly authorised to sign on behalf of the Recipient.

This Income and Expenditure Statement must be returned by no later than **16 January 2027**.

Annual

## Mid-year enrolments

- Review existing long day care enrolments to identify children in your service that could be eligible for preschool funding from mid-year 2026
- Make sure Declaration and Consent forms are signed as soon as practicable, to enable all eligible enrolments to be included in your Term 3 enrolment submission
- OECD Local Teams will continue to engage with services regarding service delivery and readiness, child eligibility and any other preschool queries.



## For more information

General inquiries, email the Funding, Operations and Monitoring team at: **[OECD.PreschoolFunding@sa.gov.au](mailto:OECD.PreschoolFunding@sa.gov.au)**

Emails in relation to the Term 2 2026 confirmed enrolment process will be sent from: **[OECD.FlyingStartPreschoolData@sa.gov.au](mailto:OECD.FlyingStartPreschoolData@sa.gov.au)**

## In case you missed it



### Register for Vicarious Trauma and Wellbeing Professional Development Training

- Hearing about or working with others' trauma can take an emotional and psychological toll over time.
- Learn practical, evidence-informed strategies to stay grounded and present with children.
- Build your ability to support a positive, healthy team environment.
- Training is available face-to-face and online for all staff within your service.
- Early childhood teachers can count these training hours towards their Professional Learning Record, supporting their registration requirements.

# In case you missed it



## Vicarious Trauma and Wellbeing Training Dates

Date	Time	Location
Mon, 04-May-2026	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Online (Microsoft Teams)
Tue, 05-May-2026	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Bridgeport Hotel, Murray Bridge
Thu, 07-May-2026	12:30-4:30 PM	Online (Microsoft Teams)
Fri, 08-May-2026	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Online (Microsoft Teams)
Thu, 14-May-2026	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christie Downs Community House, Christie Downs
Thu, 14-May-2026	11:00 AM-3:00 PM	Wulanda Recreation and Convention Centre, Mt Gambier
Tue, 19-May-2026	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	The Stretton Centre, Munno Para

For more information email: [OECD.ECWorkforceSupport@sa.gov.au](mailto:OECD.ECWorkforceSupport@sa.gov.au)



## Stay up to date and connected

- Visit the Flying Start Partner Page for key information, and resources to support you in delivering Flying Start Preschool.

Password: **FlyingStart!**

- Stay up to date with the fortnightly Flying Start partners e-bulletin, delivered straight to your inbox.
- Direct families to the OECD website for general information:  
[www.earlychildhood.sa.gov.au](http://www.earlychildhood.sa.gov.au)

# Questions & Feedback

