

Flying Start Partners Webinar - 10 July 2026

Data Submissions to Support Funding

Q & A Summary

Submitting Data

Q: When will services gain access to the SharePoint Libraries?

A: In the next two weeks, the Office for Early Childhood Development (OECD) will contact services to advise when they will receive access to their secure SharePoint Library.

The SharePoint Library is a secure online location where each Flying Start partner service will submit their quarterly preschool enrolment data to the OECD using a standard Excel template.

Data for the reference period (weeks 2 and 3 of each term) is due by close of business at the end of week 4. Step-by-step instructions will be provided to support the submission process.

Declaration and Consent / Child Participation

Q: If a service is unsure whether a family is already enrolled in a funded preschool program at another service, should they include the child in their data submission?

A: Services should confirm with the family whether the child is already enrolled in a funded preschool program at another service.



The current Declaration and Consent forms provide a section for families to declare whether their child currently attends any other centre-based early childhood education and care service.

For 3-year-old preschool, children can only access a funded 3-year-old preschool program at one service at any given time.

For 4-year-old preschool, children can access a funded 4-year-old preschool program at more than one service, up to a combined maximum of 15 funded hours per week.

The OECD undertakes duplication and validation checks following each quarterly data submission and will advise services if duplicate participation is identified.

The Declaration and Consent forms are available on the Flying Start Partner Portal.

Q: The 3-year-old Declaration and Consent form asks whether a child is enrolled at another early childhood service, but how do services identify if they are a Flying Start partner service?

A: All partner services – both long day care and sessional services currently delivering in 2026 and coming online in 2027 – are listed on the OECD's website.

Funding and access across multiple services

Q: If a 4-year-old child has signed up to receive a funded preschool place at two services, how is the funding allocated between the services?

A: Under the Australian Government's Preschool Reform Agreement, a child can access an average of 15 hours per week or 600 hours over a 12-month period prior to commencing full-time schooling. If a child is enrolled in multiple 4-year-old funded preschool programs, funding is allocated based on the service type. For example:



- If a child is enrolled in more than one long day care that is a Partner Service (such as shared care arrangements), the maximum entitlement of 15 hours per week can be funded across both services and is determined by the parents' choice. Funding would be allocated based on each service's reported delivery of the child's funded Flying Start preschool hours during the quarterly data collection.
- If a child is enrolled in a Department for Education sessional preschool program as well as a long day care that is a Partner Service, the Department for Education sessional preschool will receive the funding for up to 15 hours per week. If the child is not enrolled for the full 15 hours, the long day care service can claim the remaining hours to bring the total to the maximum entitlement of 15 hours per week.

Q: Can children access multiple Flying Start long day care services for 3-year-old preschool?

A: Yes. Children can be enrolled in multiple Flying Start long day care partner services. However, the family will need to decide which service their child is participating in the funded 3-year-old preschool program, so that only one service claims funding for the enrolment.

