

What is Occasional Care?

Occasional Care is care on an occasional basis, based within a local preschool setting. We provide 'now and then' sessional care to enable parents/ caregivers to participate in leisure activities, follow up commitments or keep appointments.

Occasional Care provides wonderful opportunities for children 2-4 y.o. to play and learn with our staff and each other and experience the kindergarten environment and its resources.

SESSIONS

Thursday 08:45 – 11:30am

Thursday 12:00pm – 2:45

Who is it for?

Care is provided for children aged from 2 years to 4 years. A priority of access applies.

What does it cost?

The standard fee is \$5 per session. Families holding a current Health Care Card receive a concession to \$1.50 per session. Families with more than one child attending the same Occasional Care session or a session within the same week receive a 50% reduction for siblings (ie \$2.50 each child or 75cents each for concession holders).

We ask that you advise us of a cancellation as soon as possible prior to the commencement of the session. The fee will still apply but this gives us

What will my child do?

Your child will have access to a range of developmentally appropriate activities, enabling them to explore safely in a caring environment.

This is a great opportunity to prepare your child for kindergarten by familiarising them with the staff and environment.

We understand that Occasional Care is often a child's first experience of child care and this may be unsettling for both you and your child. If you are concerned that your child may be distressed for any reason, please let us know.

Guidelines for booking

- * Our centre has spaces available for 8 children in each session.
- * Bookings are made on a termly basis.
- * Cancellations may be made via the answering machine.
- * An upfront payment of termly Occasional Care fees, based on current prices and number of sessions allocated, will be charged to each family.
- * Payment on the first session your child/ren attends will confirm your bookings.
- * On arrival your child must be signed in.
- * In the case of absence for any reason, no refund will be made, as this affects our utilization figures and therefore our future government funding.
- * We also have 2 emergency care places that can be booked by telephone.

What do I need to bring?

Your child will need a bag containing:

- * A hat
- * Drink of water
- * A piece of fruit or healthy alternative if they do not eat fruit
- * A spare set of clothes
- * Nappies, wipes and plastic bags

Please ensure EVERYTHING is clearly named.

PLEASE WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN A PROMINENT PLACE ON THEIR BAG SO STAFF CAN IDENTIFY IT EASILY AND QUICKLY.

This is especially important for very young children who cannot identify their own bags.

Sunscreen

Parents are asked to apply this before the beginning of the session.



About Meadows & Districts Kindergarten

Core Purpose

The core purpose of Meadows & Districts Kindergarten is to provide quality education in partnership with families in a safe, equitable, respectful and supportive learning environment. Learning is co-constructed through a play-based curriculum that is challenging, rewarding, relevant, inspiring and fun.

Vision

To strive to develop and maintain a well resourced kindergarten where all members of the kindergarten feel valued, safe and happy and are provided with the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Values

Caring - Commitment - Fairness - Honesty
Respect

Educators

Director: Meagan Wynne

Preschool Teacher: Sue Hyndman

Preschool Teacher/Occ Care: Robyn Jones

ECWs: Lindsey Scholz and Liv Rowett

Our centre offers a range of programs for young children:

- * Occasional Care
- * Kindergarten sessions for children aged from 4 years, including a Preschool Support Program for children with additional needs
- * Parent-run Playgroup on Friday mornings 9:30 - 11:30am

Our centre is operated by the Department for Education and Child Development and a Governing Council (GC) made up of parents, a staff representative and the Director. All parents of children attending the centre are very welcome to become a member of the GC. Please speak to a staff member if you are interested. We encourage all families to participate in the life of the centre and we appreciate feedback, either written or spoken.

We have several fundraising and social events throughout the year. We invite all Occasional Care families to join us for these events.

To help keep all parents informed each child has a named pocket inside the main entrance of the kindergarten. All written notices will be placed in this pocket. Regular newsletters are issued to keep families informed. We encourage you to read these and have a chat with staff if you would like more information.



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Occasional Care Information Brochure

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