

Occasional Care Program

At Seaford Rise Kindergarten Occasional Care offers short term care for children aged 2-4 years with a trained Early Childhood Worker. The program provides children with the opportunity and an environment, in which they can play, learn and make new friends. Occasional care is a program funded and managed by the Department of Education and Children's Services (DECD).

The program is:

- A 'now and then' child care service for children prior to preschool age
 - operated from preschools and children's centres in rural and metropolitan areas throughout South Australia
 - administered and funded by DECD and co-funded by parent fee contributions.
- Occasional care enables parents/caregivers to participate in activities, fulfil work commitments, keep appointments, or have a break from their children on an occasional basis.

At Seaford Rise Kindergarten we offer 2 sessions a week from 8:30am-11:30am on Monday and Tuesday mornings. There are 7 places available with one place reserved for emergency placement. Occasional Care is available to support families to meet both work-related and non-work related commitments. Where there are competing demands for Occasional Care places, the site leader will need to balance the priority guidelines with any difficulties the family may have in accessing other children's services.

Priority of Access

Priority of access to occasional care sessions is based on:

- Care needs of children who are not accessing other children's services
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children
- Children from low-income families
- Children with additional needs or at risk

Children will be integrated with kindergarten children and will be a part of the kindy program.

Occasional Care Fees

Standard fee: **\$5:00** (\$2:50 for a sibling attending the same session)

In receipt of a health care card concession **\$1.50**

Fees need to be paid UPFRONT with preferably the *CORRECT* money given at time of payment, as we may not be able to give change. Families will be given a receipt on payment. These fees go towards resources and materials for the program.

We welcome you to the kindergarten community.

Kind regards,

Donia Haidar
Preschool Director