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Occasional Care

What is it?

A childcare service provided by The Department for Education and Child Development (DECS) for children under school age in small, community-based locations.

The service primarily targets families where one parent is not in the paid workforce, but is also available for other family structures.

Occasional Care provides 'now and then' childcare to enable parents/caregivers to participate in activities, keep appointments, or have a break from their child/children on an occasional basis.

Sessions Offered.

Friday 12.00pm—3.00pm for children between 2-5 years. (Children not already accessing a kindy program.)

Pick up is strictly 3.00 or earlier. Late fees will be charged for late pick up.

* You are able to access the full 3 hrs. or a shorter time if desired.

If you want to know want to know more?

If you would like to find out more information, visit the facilities or make a booking you can call into the Kindergarten on Blanche Tce or phone us on **(08) 88252403**, we are open Monday to Friday. After 3pm is the best time to phone or drop in, as kindy sessions are running at other times.

Parents need to fill in an enrolment form and make a payment before children are able to stay.

Cost

Standard fee is \$5.00 per session.

Concession fee is \$1.50; a valid Health Care Card needs to be shown to the Staff.

Families with 2 or more children attending receive 50% reduction for the second and any subsequent children attending. **Please bring correct money, we don't have any change.**

What do Children need to Bring?

A bag containing:

- Water Bottle
- A piece of fruit
- A broad brimmed Hat (bucket style)
- Change of clothing in case of a toileting accident.
- Nappies and wipes. (if required)
- **Please apply sunscreen before the session.**

If your child does not yet communicate their needs, it may be helpful for staff to know their normal routine to help them feel safe and cared for.

If your child needs some help with toileting please let staff know so we can help them continue their success.

Availability.

Children between the age of 2—5 years can attend on Friday afternoons. We can have 16 children. Booking totals can vary each week depending on ages and abilities of children attending.

Bookings can only be made one week in advance because this is "occasional" care.

Bookings open on the Monday of the week you are wanting to book.

What to do on arrival.

Please come inside to ensure the safety of all children.

- On arrival, come in to sign in, inform us of any messages and who will be collecting your child (anyone other than yourself will need to show I.D and pay your fees. .
- Take a little time to settle your child if necessary and let staff know when you are leaving. If your child remains unsettled after 30mins we will contact you to come and collect them.
- Cancellations can be made over the phone (you can leave a message if phone is unattended), but to rebook you must speak to a staff member.
We appreciate as much notice as possible (of cancellations) as there may be others on a waiting list who would love to use that space.
- We encourage all parents to be involved in our program, join the Governing Council (Parent committee) and/or talk to us about how our curriculum can support your child.

Bushfire Information - Catastrophic

As we are a high risk site, when the fire danger for Yorke Peninsula region is at **Catastrophic levels** the Kindergarten will close. If there is a chance of this happening we should be able to let you know of the possibility a day before. If the Kindy is to be closed we will be contacting you the night before. Staff find out at approx. 4:30pm the night before and then contact families. If you would like more information please come and talk to staff. You can also check for Fire Ban ratings on the CFS website

Bushfire Evacuation Plan

If it is a total fire ban day, the Bushfire Plan is in use. This means that if there is a bushfire parents will be contacted; staff and children will go to the safe refuge (school gym) until the fire has passed. More information is on the bushfire brochure given out in terms 1 and 4.

Illness.

Please do not bring your child to care if they are sick. If they have been sick overnight and are fine when they wake up, we would advise you to also keep your child home to prevent spread of the illness. If your child is sick while in care you will be rung to come and pick them up.

Thanks

Anna, Louise and Rachel.