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. Emma Kerr will be running the program. She has a Bachelor of Early Childhood and is also one of the kindergarten teachers.

**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
Welcome to the Centre. We look forward to working with you and your child as your child begins Occasional Care with us.

We ask you to use this form to share your understanding of your child with us. This information will enable us to assess and work with you in meeting your child's interests and needs. Thank You.

CHILD’S NAME:_________________________________ DATE OF BIRTH:_______________

What do you see as your child’s strengths?

What interests or activities does your child enjoy:

At home?

Outside of the home?

With extended family?

In a few words, describe your child

In what areas do you feel that your child needs assistance?

Parent Signature:_______________________________________         Date:_______________________
CHILD'S NAME:_____________________ DATE OF BIRTH:___________

Permissions: To grant permission, please sign next to each activity:

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<td>I undertake to apply sunscreen to my child before my child attends Occasional Care.</td>
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<td>I give permission for my child to participate in walks within the neighbourhood, including Seaford Rise Primary School</td>
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<td>I give permission for my child to undertake a head lice check by a staff member or health professional.</td>
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<td>I give permission for my child to have their photograph taken and for these photographs to be displayed in the centre, published in Kindergarten Newsletters and on the Kindergarten Facebook Page.</td>
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BOOKING REQUEST FOR TERM 1 2016

Occasional Care Fees $5.00 per session to be paid upfront on the morning of the session

Please TICK your preference of sessions for your child.

*Only one session per week is available*

- [ ] Monday 8:30 – 11:30am
- [ ] Tuesday 8:30-11:30am

Office use only - CONFIRMATION OF DAYS

Term 1 2016

- [ ] Monday
- [ ] Tuesday