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COMMENCEMENT OF THE 2022 PRESCHOOL YEAR & MINIMISING COVID-19 SPREAD

24/01/22

Dear Families,

I am writing to advise how the recent COVID-19 directions from the Department for Education applies to our preschool sessions and rural care program in the first two weeks of term 1 2022.

Rural Care:

There are no changes to the provision of Rural Care to families. However, school aged children will not be offered all day sessions if they are not attending school. School aged children are able to attend their normal before or after school care bookings.

Preschool Sessions:

Tuesday 1 February: Preparation Day. No preschool program will be provided to children. However, supervision will be provided for children of essential workers or for children where there is no safe supervision at home. If you intend for your child/ren to attend, can you please contact the ELC to support in staffing arrangements being made.

Wednesday 2 February: Preschool is back. All eligible four and three-year old children are able to attend. We understand some families may choose to keep their child/ren home. Again, can you please contact the ELC to advise if your child/ren will be absent.

Thursday 3 February: No preschool session. This is our normal admin Thursday.

Tuesday 8, Wednesday 9, Thursday 10: Preschool sessions for eligible four-year old children.

Tuesday 8, Wednesday 9: Preschool sessions for eligible three-year old children.

Please note, if you are choosing to keep your child at home and wish to access a learning program, the **Learning SA** website developed by DfE has a variety of learning experiences for families to access. It can be found using the following link: www.education.sa.edu.au

If children are unwell and are displaying COVID-19 symptoms as per SA Health, children will need to stay home. This is crucial in ensuring our service can stay open to the community. As with other sectors across the state, there is a high risk of a workforce shortage if our educators were to become unwell or be required to isolate. If there are no educators to deliver programs, this will result in a temporary closure of the Service. If children become unwell or



display symptoms while attending, we will call to ask them to be collected. Can you please ensure, your emergency contacts are up to date.

When dropping off and collecting your child for preschool and/or rural care, we are asking families of children who currently attend our service to do so at the front door to align with current COVID-19 restrictions of families not entering the building. If you are a new family, we will allow you to come in and settle your child and leave once your child has settled. If you are entering the building, we are asking that one family member per child enters the ELC due to COVID-19 restrictions. All adults are required to check in using the QR Code or manually, hand sanitise, wear a mask, and adhere to social distancing requirements.

A reminder that children will need to bring along to each session, a labelled bag, hat, drink bottle and a change of clothes. Please remember we are an allergy aware Centre and we ask you to refrain from packing foods which contain nuts, watermelon and rockmelon to keep our children and staff with allergies safe.

Please note that if a current copy of your child's Immunisation History Statement or Health Support Plan (children with medical conditions), has not been provided they will not be able to attend preschool and/or rural care as this is a requirement by the Department for Education.

Thank you for your understanding and support and look forward to seeing you all soon.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

Kind Regards,

Melissa Richards.

Head of Early Years.