



PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 2020

Centre number: 2642

Centre name: Manor Farm Kindergarten

1. General information

- Centre name
Manor Farm Kindergarten
- Centre number
2642
- Preschool Director
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- DECS District
Northern Adelaide
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km)
approximately 20 km
- Enrolment/Attendance
60 children enrolled in kindergarten sessions
- Co-located/stand-alone
Stand alone
- Programs operating
☐ Orientation visits

- Early Entry (if spaces are available)
- Playgroup (on Friday mornings, run by parents)
- ⌘ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
 - Morning Sessions: 8.40- 11.30
 - Afternoon Sessions: 12.10- 3.00
 - Full days: 8.40-3.00
- ⌘ Lunch/Full Day Program
 - Full days are available on Tuesdays for all children enrolled in their Kindergarten year. Additional full days available on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday (lunch care fees \$5.00 per day).
- ⌘ Bilingual Support
 - Can be requested
- ⌘ Preschool Support
 - The centre receives preschool support allocation on a termly basis based on the number of children with additional needs attending.

2. Key Centre Policies

Please refer to the Quality Improvement Plan for current centre priorities.

3. Curriculum

- Framework used:
 - :The staff at the Manor Farm Kindergarten are using the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia called “Belonging, Being & Becoming”.
 - In addition, the site is also working with the Preschool Literacy and Numeracy Indicators, as well as the Reflect, Respect and Relate observation scales.
- Core Values
 - : We believe that **play** is the essential medium for a young child’s learning and our aim is to provide a program rich in experiences and activities which are child centered and flexible, encouraging individual levels of development.

4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff profile varies from year to year based on changes in enrolment numbers but may be similar to the following:

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| Director | 1.0 |
| Teacher | 0.8 |
| Teacher | 0.6 |
| Early Childhood Worker | 0.8 |
| Early Childhood Worker | 0.6 |
| Early Childhood Worker | 0.2 |

- Support Staff
:Support staff allocation varies from term to term and may consist of Support Workers, Early Intervention Worker, Lunch Care Worker and/or Bilingual Support Worker.
- Other
:Finance Officer

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
:The building is over 40 years old and is a double unit originally catering for very high enrolments.
- Capacity (per session)
:The kindergarten area can cater for a group size of up to 70 children.
- Access for children and staff with disabilities
:The centre does not have disabled toilets. We have a long term lease from SERU for the use of a hydrolic change table. The kindergarten indoor and outdoor spaces are mostly flat, but would require some modification for wheelchair access.
:The indoor spaces have aqustic wall coverings and ceiling tiles, making the environment suitable for children with hearing needs.

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics: (eg. types of work available, languages usually spoken at home, local developments)
 - :Most of the kindergarten families reside either in the Salisbury East or Gulfview Heights suburbs. The community is generally Anglo/Australian with a growing percentage of non-English speaking families.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
 - :Parent participation is usually high for celebrations such as End of Year Concert or the Biggest Morning Tea. Evening celebrations are generally well attended.
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
 - A large percentage transition to the following public schools:
 - Keller Road Primary School
 - Gulfview Heights Primary School
 - Madison Park Primary School
 - A small percentage transition to private schools.
- Other local care and educational facilities, eg child care, schools, OSHC
 - : A neighbouring child care centre brings (and collects) children to the Kindergarten to support families who require extended hours of care for their children.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
 - :Local shopping centre is located within a short walking distance.
 - A community oval is within a short walking distance of the Kindergarten.