



2023 annual report to the Community

Greenwith Kindergarten

Greenwith Kindergarten number: 4696

Partnership: Golden Way



Preschool director:

Stephanie Mills

Signature

Date of endorsement:

06/02/2024



Context Statement

Information about Greenwith Kindergarten is available on the centres website, as well as the Australian Childrens Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) website.

Greenwith Kindergarten we value children's right to connect, care and learn from nature in childhood. We believe every child is a capable and competent learner. We provide children with a caring and active learning environment that promotes challenge, safe risk taking and learning through play. We have a strong focus on Nature Play. We are located next door to Greenwith primary school and Our lady of Hope Catholic school. Our preschool sessions Monday- Friday 9am -3pm. We run a two-week cycle providing children with 30 hours a fortnight of preschool education. Children can attend 2 full days and every alternate Friday. Children are grouped into 2 groups children either attend Group 1 (Mon/Wed) or Group 2 (Tue/Thur) alternate Fridays. The two-group structure assists in achieving strong relationships between children and educators. Children are involved in small group learning experiences with a Key teacher. This supports the development of quality relationships with at least one key educator. Small group times are an experiential focus, with children engaging in a range of open-ended learning experiences, as well as experiences related to children's interests, numeracy and literacy experiences and our inquiry/investigation-based learning focus. We have a core staffing team of 8 Educators; 1 Director, 2 teachers, 3 permanent ecw's and two contract ecw. We are a Department of Education service and as such operate during school terms.

Preschool Attendance

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
2020 centre	98.4%		92.4%	97.4%
2021 centre		80%	94.5%	88.3%
2022 centre	90.4%	78.8%	81.7%	71.5%
2023 centre	93.5%	86.1%	70%	82.6%
2020 state	89.1%		84.6%	85.8%
2021 state		85.3%	87.1%	84.5%
2022 state	83.6%	77.6%	77.9%	77.8%
2023 state	85.4%	82.9%	83.4%	81.4%

Based on attendances recorded in the two-week reference period each term. Data for eligible enrolments as described in the department's Enrolment policy. Attendance rates may differ to previous reporting with the transfer from calculations based on deemed attendance to actual attendance using booked hours divided by attended hours. Data Source: Department for Education Attendance Data, Semester 1 Report 2023. A blank cell indicates there we no students enrolled.

Note: Term 2 2020 data may not be available for all preschools.

Attendance Comment

In South Australia, preschool attendance is not compulsory, but it is strongly encouraged. Preschool gives children the best opportunity to develop skills, which prepare them for school. These benefits include establishing positive routines and habits, friendships and connections as well as developing communication, problem-solving and creative skills. All children are entitled to access a preschool program over 4 terms the year before they start school.

Governing Council Report

2023 has been another exciting year for Greenwith Kindergarten. Throughout the year we have seen a lot of events happen within the Kindergarten itself and also a fun excursion to the Adelaide Festival Centre and other events with Greenwith Primary School, continuing to grow our relationship and increase the children's familiarity with the school. Governing Council has also approved the invitation from Greenwith Primary to attend their Mothers and Fathers Day Stalls, as well as continuing to participate in the Book Week Parade and weekly visits to the library as well as other various events and assemblies.

As a community we have participated in a number of fundraising events for the kindergarten including Kytons Bakery, Crazy Camel and a Christmas Raffle. Money was also raised and donated to MND in honour of the unexpected passing in 2021 of Annette Mazzeo, our previous Kindy Director of 20 years. We are grateful to staff for their willingness to wear blue and get iced to raise awareness of MND. We have been very fortunate this year to see some upgrades in our yard with the addition of the Nature Playground. The playground works were able to be finished and enjoyed by children in Term 4 and this has been a great addition to the kindy. We've also had shades replaced; painting done to the inside of our building; and a storeroom cleanout.

This year also brought with it the new difficulty of a mid-year intake. This involved some challenges for staffing and capacity but Stephanie and the team were able to handle this beautifully, making the children feel welcome and settled.

A new logo for Greenwith Kindergarten has been approved and new signage and colourful new uniforms have been organised for 2024. We are very much looking forward to seeing the bright colours come Term 1.

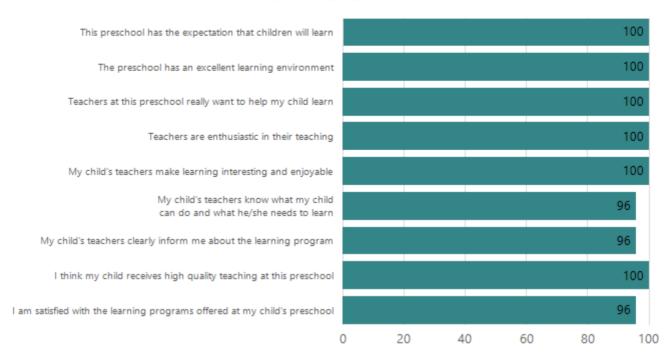
As a Governing Council we have reviewed a few policies this year and not only did we need to farewell our 2023 Kindergarten class but we also farewelled a beloved teacher, Chloe Halliwell. We are very excited that she has accepted a Director position at Surrey Downs Kindergarten and we wish her all the best in her new and challenging role there.

We look forward to more exciting things to come in 2024 and hope that the community, children and staff have a safe and happy break.

Preschool Family Opinion Survey

Quality of Teaching and Learning

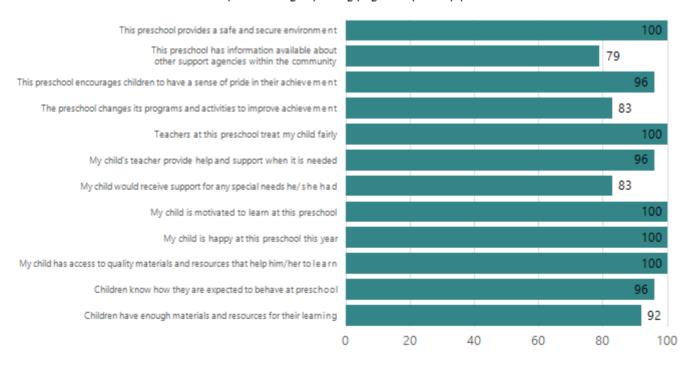
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Data Source: 2023 Department for Education Preschool Family Opinions Survey, Term 3 2023.

Support of Learning

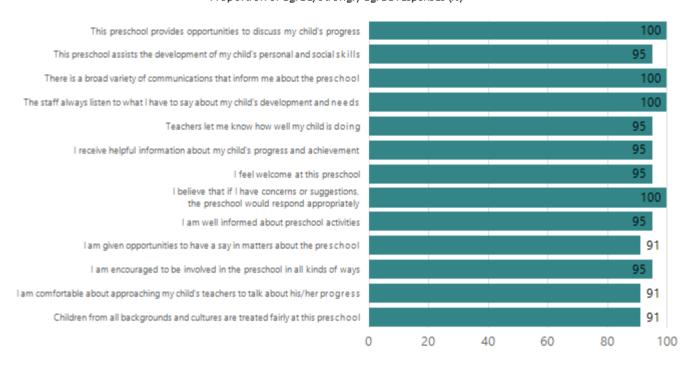
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Relationships and Communication

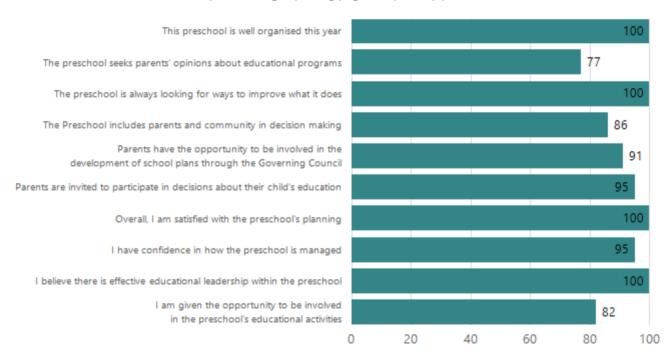
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Leadership and Decision Making

Proportion of agree/strongly agree responses (%)



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Destination Schools

Feeder Schools (Site number - Name)	2021	2022	2023
1858 - Greenwith Primary School	78.7%	70.0%	65.2%
9757 - Our Lady of Hope School	12.0%	17.1%	15.2%
9999 - Unknown	8.0%	12.9%	14.1%

Note: The data is collected in term 3. It does not reflect actual schools enrolled in by existing preschool children. A blank cell indicates there was no data for students enrolled.

Data Source: Department for Education Destination Data Report, 2023.

Highest Qualifications held by the teaching workforce and workforce composition

All teachers at this school are qualified and registered with the SA Teachers Registration Board.

Qualification Level	Number of Qualifications	
Bachelor's degrees or Diplomas	2	
Postgraduate Qualifications	1	

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collections as on the last pay date of June 2023. As self-reported by staff in the system.

Please note: Data includes staff who are Actively employed and on extended paid leave. Please note only the highest qualification of the Teaching staff is reported. Excludes any number of other certifications earned.

Workforce composition including indigenous staff

	Teaching Staff		Non-Teaching Staff	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
Full-Time Equivalents	0.0	2.8	0.0	2.2
Persons	0.0	3.0	0.0	4.0

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collection as on the last pay date of June 2023.

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"Indigenous category" is self-reported by staff in the system.

Financial Statement

Funding Source	Amount
Grants: State	\$669879.76
Grants: Commonwealth	0
Parent Contributions	\$37058.00
Fund Raising	\$1950.59
Other	\$7799.56

Data Source: School supplied data.