PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 2011

Centre number: 4601
Centre name: Agnes Goode Kindergarten

1. General information

- Centre name: Agnes Goode Kindergarten
- Centre number: 4601
- Preschool Director: Kathy Wiseman & Amanda Hogarth
- Postal address: 7 Cornish st, Stepney, Adelaide
- Location address: 7 Cornish st, Stepney, Adelaide
- Telephone number: 08 8362 3163
- Fax number: 8363 7657
- e-mail address: kindy.director@agnesgdekgn.sa.edu.au
- DECS Region: Eastern region
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km): 5 minutes by car to central metropolitan Adelaide, eastern suburbs, 5km to GPO
- Enrolment/Attendance: 70 children
- Co-located/stand-alone: stand-alone
- Programs operating:
  - Pre Entry: integrated Mon - Thurs
Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
: Mon- Thurs

Occasional Care (indicate whether funded or unfunded)
:funded Occasional Care program 5 sessions per week (under 2’s & over 2’s) operating & integrated on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

Extended Care
: before kindy care from 8.30am, negotiated with the Director

Lunch/Full Day Program
: Mon- Thurs

Bilingual Support
: Yes

Preschool Support
: Yes, individualised & small group work, with supplementary staff, for children with additional and complex needs

2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose
  : high quality education and care for children 0-5
  (see Site Learning Plan, Annual Report, Annual Improvement Plan)
  : range of policies, including those covering Sun Safety, Infectious Diseases, Medication, Nutrition, Behaviour, Lunch Care/ Full Day, Enrolment

3. Curriculum

- Framework used:
  : National Curriculum (Early Years Band 0-5)

Range of assessment & reporting processes in place

- Specific curriculum approaches
  : child- focused, play- based, inclusive, incorporating children’s voice, developmentally appropriate, constructivist, exploratory, interactive, based on children’s individual needs & interests

- Joint programmes/special curriculum projects
  : current focus on numeracy, literacy, well being, ICT
4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile
  :Full time centre, currently all part-time staff, job-sharing Director’s, Teachers & ECWs roles, in the kindergarten & Occasional Care program

- Performance Management Program
  :Staff work with line managers to continuously improve the quality of their work, skills & knowledge base, ongoing staff training & development, individually & as a staff team

- Access to special support staff
  :DECS Early Childhood Support Services provide a range of support, including additional Preschool support staff. Staff access a range of additional, specialised support services and professionals to improve learning outcomes for all children

- Other

5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
  :Stand-alone building, adjacent to recently upgraded parks and community area – playgrounds, bbq, community garden, picnic area, sculptural garden

- Capacity (per session)
  :Approx. 70 children attend daily

- Centre Ownership
  :DECS

- Access for children and staff with disabilities
  :Yes

6. Local Community (intended for country preschools)

- General characteristics: (eg. types of work available, languages usually spoken at home, local developments)
  :Broad demographic of families, children attending with English as a second language, speaking a range of languages including Mandarin, Cantonese, Malayam, Hindi, Sinhalese, Telegu, Tagalog

- Parent and community involvement in the preschool
  :Broad range of active involvement by community, individually & as part of the Governing Council

- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool
  :Local public schools, including East Adelaide, Norwood, Walkerville, local St Joseph’s Catholic schools and a range of private schools
• Other local care and educational facilities, eg child care, schools, OSHC
  :a number of children attend local private & community-based child care
  centres, utilise DECS Family Day Care, and private care arrangements eg
  nannies
• Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  :a range of local shopping centres and facilities nearby, short walking
  distance to the Avenues shops, banks, cafes, supermarkets, etc
• Other local facilities, eg medical, sporting, social, cultural, recreational
  :range of medical services, including GPs nearby, excellent community
  services & facilities provided through the local council
• Availability of housing
  :local rental and private accommodation available
• Accessibility to Adelaide and relevant major centres, including public transport
  and its availability, frequency and cost (especially by air), road quality
  :central to city of Adelaide, frequent bus & train services, airport
• Local Government body (name, phone number), availability of publications
  describing the local area (with source, cost), characteristics, level of
  involvement
  :Norwood, Payneham, St Peters Council Ph: 8366 4555

7. Further Comments
• Establishment of new services and/or programs
  :strong links & regular liaison with local feeder schools & early years sites,
  supporting children’s successful transition, development & ongoing
  learning