

ALDGATE KINDERGARTEN

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Priority of Access policy

The priority of access criteria comes into effect after the *first round offers* have been sent out in accordance with the SA Department for Education Enrolment Policy and Procedures. In SA Department for Education preschools/kindergartens, children who will turn four years of age before the 1st May are eligible to attend full-time preschool, for four terms, starting in term 1 of that year. It is up to families to decide whether to start their child in preschool that year, or delay their child's start until the following year. This can be discussed with the director. Children who will turn four years of age from the 1st May onwards will not be eligible to start full-time kindergarten until term 1 of the following year.

First round offers will be sent out in August to families who are in Aldgate Kindergartens catchment area. The catchment area for Aldgate kindergarten is:

- The child lives in Aldgate, Mylor, Bradbury, Scott Creek, Longwood and Heathfield (within the boundary of Cricklewood Rd and Longwood Rd).

If spaces remain following first round offers second round offers will be sent out in September.

The director will consider the child's eligibility to enrol at Aldgate Kindergarten with the following criteria in order:

1. A sibling has previously attended Aldgate Kindergarten and/or attends Aldgate Primary School.
2. The child has additional needs that would best be met by our centre and its facilities or is enrolled to attend Out of School Hours Care at Aldgate primary school.
3. The family's needs are best met by attendance at Aldgate kindergarten.

It is Department for Education requirement that the director or member of the staff team must sight identification that proves the child's date of birth (birth certificate/centrelink letter/passport) to accept an enrolment. Families are also required to provide information on their child's immunisation status when enrolling.

At no time may the Kindergarten exceed capacity or teacher:child ratios. As a result, if the centre reaches enrolment capacity, new families will be placed on a waitlist and encouraged to contact Bridgewater Kindergarten, Stirling East Kindergarten and/or Stirling District Kindergarten to enquire about vacancies. If the child meets eligibility for first round offers and is unable to access preschool at one of the other nearby kindergartens, the director can request an amendment of the preschool staffing allocation which may allow further enrolments to be accepted. Families will be advised in early September if a space is available.