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Dear parent/guardian

**Important information regarding your child’s funded kindergarten program**

The Victorian Government provides funding to support children to access a high quality kindergarten program in the two years before they start school. The funding is a contribution towards meeting the cost of the kindergarten program.

Your child can only be funded for a kindergarten place at one service at any one time and only for one year in a Three-Year-Old Kindergarten program and one year in a Four-Year-Old Kindergarten program (unless your child is assessed as being eligible for a second year of Four-Year-Old Kindergarten by your child’s kindergarten teacher).

In 2023, your child is enrolled to attend our [Three-Year-Old Kindergarten/Four-Year-Old Kindergarten] program and we will be claiming kindergarten funding for your child to support the costs of the kindergarten program.

**Please sign below and return this form to acknowledge that your child is accessing their [Three-Year-Old/Four-Year-Old] funded kindergarten place at our service in 2023.**

If your child will be attending another service that offers a funded kindergarten program, you must tell that service that you are receiving a funded kindergarten place at our service.

Early Start Kindergarten gives eligible children 15 hours of free or low-cost kindergarten a week for two years before starting school. To be eligible, your child must be from a refugee or asylum seeker background, identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, or your family has had contact with child protection. Eligible children can also access free or low cost Four-Year-Old Kindergarten through the Early Start Kindergarten Extension Grant.

The Kindergarten Fee Subsidy (KFS) is available for some children to attend kindergarten for free or at low cost. Your child is eligible if they are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, hold an eligible humanitarian or refugee visa, are a triplet or quadruplet, or if you (or your child) hold an eligible concession card. Please notify us if you believe your child may be eligible for the KFS.

Kind regards

[INSERT SERVICE NAME]

I confirm that my child will be accessing their funded kindergarten place at this service in 2023.

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| Name of service: |
| Date: | Child name: |
| Parent name: | Signature: |