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Dear parents and guardians

As you and your child are well underway in a year of learning, playing and making friends at kinder, I wanted to update you on our work to help make sure every young Victorian is getting a great start in life.

In 2021, we're making Three and Four-Year-Old Kinder free for children attending participating long day care and sessional kindergarten services in your community.

With an average saving of \$2,000 for every child, it'll mean one less stress for families – and one less burden on family budgets.

It will also give more parents and carers the flexibility they need as they return to work, study or training.

We are also making it easier for families to find kindergarten programs that are approved by the Victorian Government – in the coming weeks, you will see the Kinder Tick logo start appearing.

When you see the Kinder Tick, you'll know that no matter where your child attends a kindergarten program, they will benefit from play-based learning led by a qualified teacher.

Our investment builds on our record funding for early childhood education – delivering new kinders and more teachers.

But fundamentally, it's an investment in our kids – and their future.

Yours sincerely

Ingrid Stitt MP

Minister for Early Childhood Minister for Workplace Safety

