PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Centre number: 4601
Centre name: Agnes Goode Kindergarten

1. General information

- Centre name: Agnes Goode Kindergarten
- Centre number: 4601
- Preschool Director: Kathy Wiseman & Julie Jucius
- 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
- DECD 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: 88 children – Site Capacity
  - (including Occasional Care Program)
- Co-located/stand-alone: stand-alone
- Programs operating
  - Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children:
    - Monday – Friday (Two Full days and Alternate Friday Mornings)
  - 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
  - Bilingual Support: Yes
  - Preschool Support: Yes, individualised & small group work, with
    - supplementary support staff.
2. **Key Centre Policies**

- Centre Priorities/Statement of Purpose:
  High quality education and care for children 0-5 years
  
  (see Site Learning Plan, Annual Report, Annual Improvement Plan)

Range of policies, including those covering Sun Protection Policy, Infectious Diseases, Medication, Nutrition, Site Behaviour Code, Enrolment Policy.

3. **Curriculum**

- Framework used:
  Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF)

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 Directors, 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:
  DECD 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: N/A

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: 44 per session
- Centre Ownership: DECD
- 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, Spanish.
- 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 nearby.
- Other local care and educational facilities, eg child care, schools, OSHC:
  - A number of children attend local private & community-based child care centres, utilise DECD 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