What your child needs to bring to Kindergarten

- A bag labeled with your child's name on the outside
- A named hat (a personalized bucket hat is included with the 1st payment of kindy fees)
- Lunch in a small named lunch box
- A piece of fruit, vegetable, dry biscuits, cheese or sandwich for snack time.  
  Please don't send fruit bars and muesli bars, chips, roll ups etc.
- A bottle of WATER (NOT cordial or juice) in a pop up type of container.
- All bags, shoes, hats and clothing items should be clearly marked with the child’s name.
- In accordance with our Skin Protection Policy, the children are required to wear hats when the UV Rating is 3 or above (Sept-April)

Kindergarten Notices

Please check your child's pocket and our notice boards regularly so that you will always remain informed about activities in our Kindergarten.

Kindergarten Fees

Fees are $80 per term/$320 per year (includes a personalised bucket hat).

The only method of payment for fees at our centre is through Ezidebit (no cash or cheques will be accepted). Direct Debit is one of the safest ways to pay your bills.

This will ensure families accounts remain within the centre fee policy guidelines and also maintains the security of your child's booking at our kindergarten.

Although we do receive a grant from DECD, we need a contribution from each family so that we can pay for cleaning, ETSA, the phone, art materials and any new toys etc, etc.

Safety

Kindergarten staff should be notified when anyone other than a regular care giver will be bringing your child to, or picking him/her up from Pre-school. Please try to be punctual for the start and finish of each session.

If you will be late, please ring and advise our staff to avoid undue concern and your child's peace of mind. Generally families who arrive early wait outside with their children until the session starts, as our staff are frequently involved with setting-up the sessions activities.

Please notify our staff if your child is unlikely to attend pre-school, particularly if he/she is unwell for any reason, especially in case of infectious disease or illness. Children with infectious diseases such as weepy cold sores, diarrhoea or head lice must not attend sessions until they have recovered completely.

We always encourage parents to spend time at our Kindergarten. If you have a skill you are willing to share with us, please tell us, please tell us about it. Any time you can give us, particularly to help with tidying up and cleaning at the end of sessions and the end of the term, is much appreciated. If you would like to be a volunteer, please see the Director. All volunteers are now required to have a 'relevant history screening' check completed and be trained in 'responding to abuse and neglect' (as required by DECD)
Staff
Director
Teachers:
Early Childhood Workers
Support Staff

SESSION TIMES
Preschool
Group 1
Monday & Tuesday  8.30am to 2.55/3.15pm
Wednesday (odd weeks)  8.30am to 11.30am
Group 2
Thursday & Friday  8.30am to 2.55/3.15pm
Wednesday (even weeks)  8.30am to 11.30am

Curriculum
In order to support your child’s development to reach his or her full potential, our staff plan and implement programs based upon the Australian Early Years Learning Framework - ‘Belonging, Being & Becoming’
This curriculum promotes the development of valuable life skills and competencies in children through directed play.

- In addition we have a strong focus on the development of literacy and numeracy skills
- Our routine provides for a ‘group time’ during which teachers focus on these skills
- At the end of each session all the children come together to sing songs and do some movement/dance prior to dismissal

We do keep records of an individual child’s progress and samples of their work as it develops. Each term, your child will receive a learning note and as each child moves on to school we also provide a ‘Statement of Learning’ for parents and the school.
Each term the teachers add samples of work to the children’s portfolios as a visual record of the “distance travelled” for each child. These are on display and available for you and your child to view at any time. The children take them home when they move on to school.
If at any time you have questions about your child, or are concerned with any aspect of his/her development, please feel free to approach our staff to discuss it. The general program is displayed on the parent notice board.
We hope the time you and your child spend with us at Settlers Farm Campus Kindergarten is happy and rewarding.

Parent Governing Council
All parents are invited to attend and become members of the Kindergarten’s Governing Council. We meet twice per term on Wednesday morning, and you are welcome to bring your children with you. Anyone can join, you do not need to have any special skills. We are grateful for whatever contribution you can make, and it can even be quite fun.
Please see the Director if you think you might like to come along.

Playgroup
Wednesday mornings at the Child & Youth Health building next door to the Kindergarten. Please enquire regarding vacancies.

Transitions
Extensive transition program to Settlers Farm School: Kindy children attend Junior Primary Assemblies, engage in playground visits, and visits to the Resource Centre throughout the year.
From time to time activities are arranged with different school classes.
This promotes a smooth transition to school.

Other Services
Additional services for children with special needs: speech pathology, special education advice, social work and psychology
Child Youth Health nurses visit once per term to complete 4 year old health checks.

How to enroll your child
Please call in, phone the centre or enroll via our website to give the staff your child’s details up to 2 years prior to your child’s fourth birthday. In this way we can plan for future staffing needs.
All children commence kindy at the beginning of each year in Term 1. There are no intakes during the year.
Children who turn four before 1st May are able to commence in Term 1.
Children who turn four on or after 1 May will now start preschool at the beginning of the following year.
For more info:

Website:
Please look at our website if you wish to access further information:
www.settlerspre.sa.edu.au