



# PRESCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: September 2022

**Centre number:** 4618

**Centre name:** Grove Kindergarten

## 1. General information

- Preschool Director Victoria Willcox
- Postal address 12 Main Street, Eastwood, 5063
- Location address 12 Main Street Eastwood, 5063
- DfE Partnership Greenhill South
- Geographical location – 3km for Adelaide GPO
- Telephone number 8271 5371 0417 092 487
- Fax number 8272 7524
- Preschool website address: [www.grovekgn.sa.edu.au](http://www.grovekgn.sa.edu.au)
- Preschool e-mail address: info.grovekindy436@schools.sa.edu.au
- Enrolment/Attendance  
Grove Kindergarten's enrolment is between 44-55 each year
- Co-located/stand-alone Stand – alone
- Programs operating at the preschool
  - ⊞ Sessional Kindergarten for eligible children
  - ⊞ Associated Programs 2 x Kindergarten Orientation (Term 4)

Family Playgroup – Monday 9.30 to 11.00

- ⌘ Full Day Program 8am to 3.30pm
- ⌘ Bilingual Support for eligible children
- ⌘ Preschool Support for eligible children

## 2. Key Centre Policies

- Centre Priorities/Philosophy

Children form the fabric of learning at Grove.

Learning is created through connections within our place and beyond where wonder, listening, giving it a go, questioning and learning from the past are interwoven through relationships.

Educators curate a journey of encounters, inviting each child to explore and become a powerful learner in an ever-changing world where challenges are opportunities to connect and learn.

Families and caregivers are an integral part of the collaborative learning community at Grove, nurturing, supporting and encouraging their child's educational journey.

### 3. Curriculum

- Framework used Early Years Learning Framework
- Core Values Be kind, be friendly and do your best
- Specific curriculum approaches Early Childhood Education

### 4. Centre Based Staff

- Staff Profile  
Director, full time (1.0)  
Teacher, full time (1.0)  
Teacher, part time (0.4)  
Early Childhood worker, part time (0.8)  
Additional staff are employed as needed to support children with special rights, to support home languages and to provide administration support.
- Performance Management Program  
All staff are part of the Department for Education Performance Management Program, undertaken at 6 monthly intervals with their line manager.
- Access to special support staff  
As required
- Other

### 5. Centre Facilities

- Buildings and grounds  
One large building with a large wrap-around outdoor yard.
- Capacity (per session) 42 per day maximum
- Centre Ownership Burnside Council
- Access for children and staff with disabilities  
Wide access doors, ramps throughout for wheelchair access  
Please assist us by pointing out where we can be more inclusive in

making our kindergarten assessable  
to all

- Other

## 6. Local Community

- General characteristics:

Eastwood is an inner suburb of Adelaide, near the Adelaide Parklands, containing many small and medium sized family homes. Retail shops are closeby, as are many parks, playgrounds and recreational areas.
- Parent and community involvement in the preschool

Parent involvement is encouraged and can be negotiated with staff. Parents can elect to be part of a Governing Council that supports centre decision making.

Regular parent involvement requires a 'Working with Children Check'
- Schools to which children generally transfer from this preschool

Parkside Primary School, Unley Primary School, Glen Osmond Primary School, Linden Park Primary School, Rose Park Primary School, St Raphaels Primary School
- Other local care and educational facilities,

Parkside Community Child Care Centre,  
A number of other child care centres are located within 2 km of Grove Kindergarten.  
Out of School Hours Care is available at Parkside Primary School (managed by Parkside Community Child Care Centre) and can be accessed by kindergarten children before and after kindergarten.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities

Commercaill, retail and professional offices are on nearby main roads.
- Other local facilities

Numerous
- Accessibility

Well serviced by public transport
- Local Government

Burnside Council, adjacent to Unley Council

## 7. Further Comments

- Partnership arrangements with other groups

Grove Kindergarten is part of the Greenhill South local education partnership incorporating eight local kindergartens as well as primary schools and high schools which meet regularly.