



FAQs: Kindergartens on School Sites

We've compiled answers to common member queries and concerns about kindergartens located on school sites.

Enrolment

- Any child from the local community can apply to enrol in a kindergarten located on a school site. Unlike primary and secondary schools, kindergarten enrolments are **not** subject to zoning restrictions, meaning children do not need to reside within a specific Designated Neighbourhood Zone.
- The kindergarten service provider will inform families that enrolment criteria for the kindergarten and the school differ. Attending the kindergarten **does not** guarantee enrolment at the co-located primary school.
- Parents who wish for their child to transition to the co-located school must follow the formal enrolment process as outlined in the Department's **Enrolment Placement Policy**.

Kindergartens at Schools – Service Offering

- Kindergartens at schools provide early childhood education for **three- and four-year-old** children.
- Most kindergarten programs operate on a sessional basis. However, integration of **Long Day Care (LDC)** or **Outside Hours School Care (OHSC)** may be possible through consultation with the Department.
- These kindergartens are generally managed by an **Early Years Management (EYM) organisation** or another **approved not-for-profit** kindergarten provider.

Early Learning and Childcare Centres (ELCCs)

- In addition to kindergartens at schools, the government will establish [50 early learning and childcare centres \(ELCCs\)](#) in areas where they are most needed.
- The first confirmed ELCCs will be **co-located on school sites** and will provide:
 - Childcare services
 - Three- and Four-Year-Old Kindergarten
 - A future transition to include **Pre-Prep**

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