



20 HOURS ECE

Because your child is over three years of age we are pleased to be able to offer you the "20 hours ECE" (early childhood education) program offered by the government. We can also offer vision & hearing checks, a national program conducted by Public Health South. Please read the enclosed information to understand how 20 hours ECE will work for you.

	COMPLETED
<u>STEP 1</u> Read the booklet - "INFORMATION FOR PARENTS"	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>STEP 2</u> Read overleaf explaining the definitions for: 1. "20 hours ECE" 2. "FEES" 3. "OPTIONAL CHARGE" 4. "DONATION"	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>STEP 3</u> If you will be applying for a child care subsidy from Work & Income you will need to contact them to determine how 20 hours ECE will affect your subsidy. Phone 0800559009	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>STEP 4</u> Complete the paperwork: 1. Enrolment contract, including the attestation section for 20 hours ECE. 2. Public Health South - vision & hearing consent request, which is self explanatory.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>STEP 5</u> Bring back to the office as soon as possible: 1. Completed Enrolment contract. 2. Evidence of your child's birthday, ie a copy of your child's birth certificate. 3. The vision & hearing consent form.	<input type="checkbox"/>

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE UP TO 20 hours FREE, IT CANNOT BE OFFERED WITHOUT THIS INFORMATION BEING HELD IN OUR OFFICE.


PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION FOR YOUR FUTURE REFERENCE.



DEFINITIONS - 20 hours ECE

1. All 3 and 4 year olds attending Aspiring Beginnings can get "**20 hours ECE**" for up to 6 hrs a day to a maximum of 20 hours per week. (5 year olds are only entitled in some circumstances). You must decide which of the enrolled hours will be covered. As your child can receive a total of 20 free hours at more than one centre, we need you to complete an attestation statement on the enrolment contract advising how many hours of Free ECE your child will receive at each centre.

2. Aspiring Beginnings cannot require you to pay **fees** for the attested hours your child receives. Aspiring Beginnings does however require you to pay fees for your child's *other hours of enrolment*. For example, if your child attends 8 hrs per day, and gets 6 hrs Free ECE, you are required to pay for the other 2 hours as per our fees schedule displayed in the foyer.

3. An **optional charge** supports our centre to provide your child with specific additional features over and above the Ministry of Education regulations. In addition to the many features our centre does offer our child to teacher ratios are well over and above the Ministry of Education regulations:

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AB's offers children under two years of age:  to 

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If you do not agree to pay the optional charge then you are telling us that you do not want our centre to continue to provide these quality teaching ratios that are above the Ministry of Education's standards and that you accept our quality child to teacher ratios could be jeopardised, as will our ability to offer 20 hours ECE.

If you do agree to pay the optional charge, then we can continue to operate above Ministry of Education child to teacher ratio standards. Once you have completed the attestation statement on the enrolment contract and agreed to pay, the optional charge will be added to your weekly invoice until such time as we are advised any differently in writing. Currently the optional charge is \$1.00 for every hour you receive free per week. For example, if your child receives 12 hours free per week the optional charge will be \$12.00 per week. The maximum optional charge amount anyone will pay is \$20.00 per week.

4. **Donations** involve voluntary contributions which do not have to be for anything specific and may go towards the general running of Aspiring Beginnings Early Learning Centre and will be advised when charged.