

NSW preschool funding: what families need to know

The NSW Government is proposing a change to preschool funding from 2027 that could affect preschool programs in long day care centres.

What is changing?

Preschool programs in long day care currently receive \$150 million in operational funding from the NSW Government each year.

This funding helps centres provide quality preschool, including supporting teachers with:

- planning and programming time
- professional development
- educational resources
- helping children prepare for school.

The NSW Government is proposing to remove all of this funding stream from 2027.

Why does this matter?

Most NSW children attend preschool through long day care. Almost two-thirds (63%) of children aged 3 and 4 who attend preschool in NSW do so through a long day care service.

If this funding is removed, long day care centres will face extra financial pressure. They may need to consider increasing fees, reducing spending on preschool programs, or a combination of both.

This could make it harder for families to access affordable, high-quality preschool.

What are we asking?

We are asking the NSW Government to keep this funding for preschool programs in long day care.

How can you help?

You can help by sending a message to NSW Premier Chris Minns asking him to reconsider the proposed funding changes.

It takes around five minutes.

You can use our suggested message or tell the Premier in your own words why affordable, high-quality preschool matters to your family.

Every message helps show the NSW Government that families want preschool in long day care to remain affordable and well supported.

See our attached instructions to message the Premier.