

Date received

GOLDEN SQUARE

APPLICATION FORM

GOLDEN SQUARE KINDERGARTEN INC.
Incorporation No. A0028630C
45 PANTON ST. GOLDEN SQUARE
PHONE -54437668
Email: admin@goldensquarekindergarten.com.au



	Please write year/s you wish to enroll your child	Please circle Long day if first preference	Please circle Short day if first Preference	Circle option for hours
3 year old (Must be 3 years old by April 30 in year of enrolment).	YEAR	2 Long days 7.30-6.00pm	<input type="radio"/> OR <input type="radio"/> Short day	Program to be advised
4 year old (must be 4 years old by April 30 in year of enrolment).	YEAR	2 Long days 7.30-6.00pm	<input type="radio"/> OR <input type="radio"/> Short day	Program to be advised

Child's first name Child's surname Child's Date of Birth

Child's Postal Address Post Code

1ST Parent/guardian full name Parent/guardian phone number

1ST Parent/guardian Postal Address Parent/guardian email

2ND Parent/guardian full name Parent/guardian phone number

2ND Parent/guardian Postal Address Parent/guardian email

Please answer the following to ensure priority placement.

Is your child connected to Child's Services or child Protection?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a Health Care Card?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is your child a Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Does your child have a learning delay or disability?	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
Detail learning delay or disability & Early Intervention contact/key worker.				
Did you have any previous siblings attend Golden Square Kinder? Year, group and name of child				

Please supply a copy of your child's Immunisation History Statement . NB-NO IMMUNISATION NO ENROLMENT Please pay \$25.00 Enrolment fee into our account. NO FEE HEALTH CARD HOLDERS -Please supply a copy of your health care card.	ACCOUNT NAME- Golden Square Kindergarten Bendigo Bank BBS- 633-000 Account No. 1306 70276 REF ID- BILLY20 (1st four letters of first name, 1st letter of surname and last 2 digits of year).
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Failure to provide up to date information will result in loss of position or inability to enrol.

NEED HELP

Please phone kinder to arrange visit or seek further information. We are taking enrolments for the next 3 years.

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LONG DAY APPLICATION FORM

Long day applications are made **directly** to Golden Square Kindergarten (GSK) **INSTEAD** of a place through Loddon Mallee Preschool Association (LMPA).
If you accept a place at GSK you cannot accept a place with LMPA.

Sessions:

- Long day sessions include before and after care, meaning children can attend 7.30AM—6.00PM, two days a week.
- The days for the 2022 timetable is subject to family preferences and will be confirmed as soon as possible.
- Please mark your preferences below, rating 1-5 where 1 is the most desirable and 5 is the least desirable. If you cannot attend days please place a cross.

3yr 4yr

Monday

3yr 4yr

Thursday

3yr 4yr

Tuesday

3yr 4yr

Friday

3yr 4yr

Wednesday

Tick if you would be interested in a third day

SHORT DAY

THE SHORT DAY PROGRAM DAYS AND HOURS FOR NEXT YEAR WILL BE ADVISED SHORTLY

Please complete this form in full and return to admin@goldensquarekindergarten.com.au or to:

Golden Square Kindergarten
45 Panton Street
Golden Square, Vic 3555

If you have any queries or concerns please refer to our website

www.goldensquarekindergarten.com.au, the above email address or call us on **5443 7668**.

By enrolling I understand:

- If choosing the long day program option I understand this includes the care component fee.
- Fees are TBA
- Days and fees are subject to change.
- GSK does not operate during school holidays.
- The kindergarten is not eligible for the Child Care Rebate.
- Failure to provide an immunisation statement or correct contact details will result in forfeiture of your child's position.

Parent Name.....

Parent Signature.....

DATE-:

F.A.Q

What does kinder cost? - Government Funded Free Kinder

Currently the Victorian Government is subsidizing kindergarten fees for all children aged four-years-old that are attending 15 hours of kindergarten. Free kinder forms part of the economic recovery support for Victorians as we recover from the global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The initiative is for 2021 only at this stage. This means that in our short day program children attend 15 hours of kindergarten for free. In our long day program the kindergarten component is subsidized by the government, however we charge a before and after 'care component' to allow children to attend two long days per week. This allows children to attend longer than the 15 hours per week (7.30-6pm). This is called the 'care component' fee. To see more details on our fees you can view our website at <https://www.goldensquarekindergarten.com.au/fees-1>

What's new at Golden Square Kindergarten?

In 2021 we secured funding to extend our building capacity to cater for more children at our Centre. This means that in 2021 we are commencing building works to accommodate a three-year-old kindergarten program for 2022. We are also in the process of designing a three-year-old education program at our centre in line with the Victorian Early Years Learning Development Framework (VEYLDF). Educators will work on the practice principals of the VEYLDF to guide early childhood professionals to work together with children, and with families to achieve the best outcomes for every child in our three-year-old program.

How many hours is three-year-old kindergarten in 2022?

Three-year-old Kindergarten will become available in stages starting in 2022. In Bendigo children that turn three before the end of April 2022 will have access to 5 hours of kindergarten per week to start off. The hours will be increased eventually getting to 15 hours of kindergarten per week for three-year olds. The hours will most likely be increased in 2023 and will include long day. Please keep an eye on our website for further details.

When can my child commence three-year-old Kindergarten?

Your child needs to turn three-years-old before the end of April in the year they commence three-year-old kindergarten. Your child cannot attend three-year old kindergarten if they are two-years-old. They cannot attend until they are three-years-old.

The Department of Education states that research shows that quality play-based learning is a powerful way to support children's learning and development. The benefits last into the school years and beyond. Evidence also shows that two years are better than one when it comes to early learning. Taking part in a quality kindergarten program at an earlier age leads to positive effects on child development. It has even greater benefits for children who need extra support or are in vulnerable circumstances.

Can my child have two years of three or four year old kindergarten?

Three Year Old Kindergarten

No. Your child can only have one year of funded three-year-old kindergarten at this stage in Victoria. Then they must commence a four-year-old kindergarten program.

Four Year Old Kindergarten

We strongly encourage families to **not** start their children at four-year-old kindergarten until they reach the age of four-years for the following reasons:

-The first five years of a child's life are the foundation stones for learning, by giving them more time, you are giving them every opportunity to reach their full potential.

-A second year of funding for your child cannot be given unless your child is showing **delays in several areas of development**. Only then can this warrant a second year of four-year-old kindergarten. Immaturity is not usually a consideration.

The Department of Education states:

There may be a small number of children for whom a second year of kindergarten is appropriate. Your child may be eligible if:

-your child's teacher has found they have developmental delays in at least two key areas of learning and development, and
-your child will have better outcomes through a second year of kindergarten than going to school.

More information on a second year of kindergarten can be found at <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/child-care-kindergarten/Pages/kindergarten-second-year.aspx>

IT'S A TWO YEAR JOURNEY OF EDUCATION!

We encourage families to enroll in our kindergarten for two years, attending three-year-old kindergarten and then four-year-old kindergarten.

What are some of the benefits of staying with us for two years?

-Our Social and Emotional Intelligence Programs (RULER APPROACH & You Can Do It Program) can be embedded in your child's learning over two years prior to school, cementing a great foundation for developing social and emotional intelligence.

-Continuity of Educators- by allowing your child to remain in the same environment with the same group of peers and educators for a minimum of two years ensures continuity of care and promotes the importance of meaningful and deep relationships and quality learning experiences.