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Dear parent/guardian

**Important information regarding your child’s**

**2023 Start Strong fee relief from the NSW Government**

The NSW Government is providing fee relief to families through the [Start Strong Affordable Preschool](https://education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/grants-and-funded-programs/start-strong-funding/start-strong-for-long-day-care/2023-start-strong-for-long-day-care-program-guidelines) initiative as part of the Early Years Commitment.

From 2023, families with children who are at least 3 years old on or before 31 July 2023 and who are enrolled in a community or mobile preschool service may save up to $4,220 each year.

**How the fee relief works:**

* The funding for your child’s fee relief will be provided to our service, directly from the NSW Government, and we will pass this fee relief on to you as a reduction to your fees.
* You cannot receive fee relief at more than one early childhood education service.

The fee relief will be evenly allocated to you across the calendar year.

If your child will be attending another service that offers fee relief (another community preschool or a long day care service), you will need to choose which service you would like to receive fee relief from.

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| If your child is at least 3 years old on, or before, 31 July 2023, you must:   1. Complete the attached declaration form from the NSW Department of Education 2. Return the form to us as soon as possible. |

It’s important that you complete the form so that we know whether our service should apply fee relief to your child’s [STATEMENT, INVOICE].

Kind regards

[INSERT SERVICE NAME]