



Early Learning & Kinder

FREE Childcare ceases on 12 July

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Australian Government announced that [Free Child Care will cease on 12 July.](#)

Child Care Subsidy (CCS) program will start again from 13 July 2020.

Getting and keeping Child Care Subsidy

Families who received CCS before 6 April 2020 will not need to do anything, as long as you remained eligible and enrolled. Your CCS will start again automatically on 13 July 2020.

Families who were not previously accessing CCS prior to 6 April 2020, should claim for CCS as soon as possible, as full fees apply from 13 July 2020. Apply via your [Centrelink online account](#) through [myGov](#).

What you need to do?

Families who received CCS in 2018-19 and haven't confirmed their income for that financial year must do so by 30 June 2020.

Parents and their partners can confirm their income with Centrelink by either:

- lodging their tax returns with the Australian Taxation Office
- completing an 'Advise non-lodgement of tax return' with Centrelink, if they don't need to lodge a tax return. You can do this via your [Centrelink online account](#) through [myGov](#).



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CCS will not start again on 13 July 2020 until the above is completed

Up to 100 hours per fortnight CCS funded hours of care

If your family's work hours have reduced as a result of COVID-19, contact [Services Australia](#) to ensure that your family meets the new temporary CCS Activity Test eligibility to receive access to up to 100 hours per fortnight for up to 12 weeks.

Families experiencing financial hardship

The ACCS (temporary financial hardship) is available to support families experiencing financial hardship that impacts their ability to pay child care fees. Further detail can be found in the [ACCS \(temporary financial hardship\) Fact Sheet](#)

For more information on changes to Early Childhood Education and Care Relief Package, visit the official [Government Information Sheet](#).

If you have further questions, please reach out to your Centre Director.

Kind regards

Your ELK Family