A parent or legal guardian must sign and return a copy of this form.

2027 Child consent form, NSW Department of Education

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian

As part of your child's enrolment in this Early Learning Service (**Service**), your consent is required to collect and share personal information and health information with the NSW Department of Education (**the department**) where required for funding and support purposes. This consent form has the information you need to know.

Privacy Notice

The department is committed to protecting the privacy of personal information and health information in accordance with the *Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998* (NSW) (**PPIP Act**), the *Health Records and Information Privacy Act 2002* (NSW) (**HRIP Act**) and the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth).

What personal information and health information is collected?

As part of your child's enrolment application and in connection with your child's attendance at the Service, the Service collects personal and health information. This may be disclosed to and collected by the department.

The personal information may include your child's name, date of birth, gender, address, languages spoken, First Nations identity and other information about your family and household (including whether your child is one of triplets or higher order multiples). If relevant, the health information may include whether your child has any disability or additional needs, any NDIS reference number, medical records and reports.

What if you do not give consent?

Provision of your and your child's information is voluntary. You may withdraw your consent at any time. If you do not agree to your or your child's information being provided to the department, this could impact the funding and support available to the Service and your child. Funding received by the Service supports access to affordable, quality and safe preschool programs for your child.

Why is the information collected and how is it used?

The Service is required to disclose personal information and health information to the department to receive funding and other support for early learning programs for your child. Information about your child allows the department to ensure that funding is targeted towards children and families that need the most support.

The department may use the information by sharing it with staff and third parties engaged by the department (**Third Parties**) for the purposes listed below. The department will only provide those Third Parties with as much personal information and health information as required for those purposes. If information is provided to Third Parties, the department will require them to only use the information to provide support to the Service and reporting to the department.

The department may also use your and your child's personal information for the following purposes:

- administering programs, including the assessment of eligibility for support or funding for your child for department programs;
- administering programs offered by the department for services, including the department engaging a Third Party to support educational outcomes for the Service including potentially for your child. In these circumstances, you also consent to the Service disclosing personal information directly to the department's Third Parties assisting with these programs;
- as part of the department's audit or evaluation of the Service or use of department funding;
- research and data analysis for future policy and program development;
- any purpose relating to the department's statutory and government functions which may include disclosure of personally identifiable and de-identified data to other Australian Government agencies, including the Commonwealth and other States and Territories (such as the Australian Bureau of Statistics (**ABS**)) to support provision of nationally consistent statistics on early childhood education and care participation, service delivery and attendance in Australia; the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal to conduct the Independent Market Monitoring Review; the Centre for Health Record Linkage for National Disability Data Asset and Pathways for the Future linkages), and support NSW's compliance with the Preschool Reform Agreement 2022 - 2027;
- Data linkages administered by accredited data linkage agencies, under the approval from a Human Research Ethics Committee or a Public Interest Direction, for the purpose of research and data analysis using de-identified linked population data.

If relevant, the department may use your child's health information for the same purposes, including the assessment of eligibility for additional funding related to disability and inclusion programs.

When is the information disclosed?

The department will disclose personal and health information to the ABS and other contracted Third Parties and as set out above, but not to any other person unless authorised by any law or Act, or with your further consent. The department will only share personal information to other Australian Government agencies who have personal information handling practices and policies (for example, the ABS privacy policy (www.abs.gov.au/privacy) and the ABS Five Safes framework (https://www.abs.gov.au/about/data-services/data-confidentiality-guide/five-safes-framework)). The department may publish material (for example, insights from enrolment information), however any such material will be de-identified.

About your personal information and health information

Your personal information and health information will be held and managed by the department in accordance with the PPIP Act, HRIP Act and Privacy Act, and subject to the department's privacy policy: education.nsw.gov.au/rights-and-accountability/privacy.

More information, including the department's Privacy Management Plan, can be found on the department's privacy webpage: education.nsw.gov.au/rights-and-accountability/privacy/privacy-information-and-forms.

Under the PPIP Act, HRIP Act and Privacy Act, you have a right of access, correction and amendment of your personal information and health information. To access or amend the personal information or health information please contact the Service in the first instance, or if

necessary, the department via the Privacy webpage above or the contact details below.

For information on funded programs available through the department, please speak to your Service and/or visit: education.nsw.gov.au/early-childhood-education/operating-an-early-childhood-education-service/grants-and-funded-programs.

If you have a concern or complaint about the way your information has been collected, used or disclosed, you should contact the department via the Privacy webpage above, or alternatively:

Legal Services - Privacy
NSW Department of Education
GPO Box 33
Sydney NSW 2001
Email: legal.privacy@det.nsw.edu.au

Your Consent

My child is enrolled at _____(the **Service**).

I agree that the **Service** may collect personal information and health information about me and my child or legal ward (**child**) for the purposes described in this consent form. By completing the details below and signing this consent form, I consent to the collection, use and disclosure of my, my child's, my family's and my household's personal information and health information in the manner outlined in this form. It is my responsibility to obtain the consent of other members of my household or my child's family, if I think it is required.

I understand that this information about my child is being collected on behalf of the NSW Department of Education in accordance with the Privacy Notice above.

Note: Once provided, you may also withdraw your consent at any time by contacting the Service, and no further personal information or health information will be disclosed by the Service. However, this may impact the funding and support made available to the Service for your child.

Details of child	
Print full name of child	
Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)	

Details of parent / legal guardian	
Print full name of parent / legal guardian	
Relationship to child (e.g. mother, father, guardian)	

Signature of parent/guardian Date (DD/MM/YYY)

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