

## Preschool Registration for 2024 – 2025

Registration for our preschools will be starting in January 2024 to join the new school year starting in September 2024. All registrations are done online through our registration email:

[registration@earlydiscoveries.ca](mailto:registration@earlydiscoveries.ca)

Registrations will be processed on a first-come, first-served system. Please note that the form you fill out above is your request form. Once we have processed your request, we will email a registration form to you. The registration form must be returned by the designated date given to hold your child's preschool space or the space will be forfeited. For payment, we will set up automatic withdrawals of the registration fee (non-refundable) along with one month's fees as a deposit on your child's preschool space. The one month's fees are applied to the last month of school, June 2025. We then set up monthly withdrawals for September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, inclusive.

If the preschool space you request is not available, we will provide options for you and/or place your child on our waiting list. We will contact you if a space becomes available. A list of our classes offered is at the end of this document. Please note that not all classes may run if we do not have enough children registered in a class.

### Current Families

Families who currently have a child registered in one of our programs have the opportunity to register first. Registration for all locations starts on Monday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Once registration forms are emailed to you, you will have one week to scan and email the form back to us. Deposits will be withdrawn on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Alumni Families

Families who have had a child in our program in previous years can register starting Monday January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Again, once the registration forms are emailed to you, you will have one week to scan and email the form back to us. Deposits will be withdrawn on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### New Families

Families new to Early Discoveries can register starting Monday January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. As stated above, once registration forms are emailed to you, you will have one week to scan and email the form back to us. Deposit dates will be determined based on when you register your child.

## **Tours**

We can set up tours of our schools for you. We like to offer tours during class times so you can see what goes on in the classroom and ask any questions you may have. Please email [info@earlydiscoveries.ca](mailto:info@earlydiscoveries.ca) to request a tour and we will set up a day and time for you. Please note, currently our Kincora location is the only location with afternoon preschool classes running. Therefore, most tours will be during the morning classes.

## **Meet the Teacher**

In September, we hold our Meet the Teacher sessions. This is an opportunity for parents and children to meet the teacher and teacher aide and check out the classroom. The sessions are approximately an hour in length. Days and times will be assigned to you in August.

## **Staggered Entry**

For our 3 year old classes, we hold staggered entry the first week of school. One half of the class comes for the first hour of class and the other half of the class attends the second hour of class. This practice helps to reduce some of the separation anxiety your little ones may have.

Be sure to check out the Parent Handbook, located on our website, [www.earlydiscoveries.ca](http://www.earlydiscoveries.ca). The handbook may have answers to some of your questions. You will also receive an email copy of the handbook in August along with a school calendar.

Below is a list of classes we offer. Speciality classes such as Science and Art will be available in October, once we determine where we have the space to operate the programs and have our staff in place. Emails will be sent out at that time.

## **Fees**

Our fees are increasing this year as is our registration fee. Please see the new rates after the classes offered.

## **New location!!!**

We are opening a new preschool location at the Beddington Pentecostal Church, 16 Bermuda Drive NW. We will have a classroom for 3 year olds and a classroom for 4 year olds!

**For our Redstone families, unfortunately our lease is not being renewed. Our classes will run until June 2024 and then we are moving out of Redstone.**

## **Classes Offered for 2024 – 2025**

### **Hawkwood**

**Wilbury Gang** (parent & tot class for 2 – 3 year olds)

Tuesdays, 9:15 – 10:15 or 10:30 – 11:30

### **3 year old classes**

Monday to Friday 9:00 – 11:30 or 12:30 – 3:00

### **4 year old classes**

Monday to Friday 9:15 – 11:45 or 1:00 – 3:30

### **Kincora**

**Wilbury Gang** (parent & tot class for 2 – 3 year olds)

Tuesdays, 9:15 – 10:15 or 10:30 – 11:30

### **3 year olds**

Monday to Friday 9:00 – 11:30 or 12:30 – 3:00

### **4 year olds**

Monday to Friday 9:15 – 11:45 or 1:00 – 3:30

### **Kindergarten**

Monday and Wednesday 8:40 – 3:35

Tuesday and Thursday 8:40 – 3:35

### **Royal Oak**

#### **3 & 4 year olds**

Monday to Friday 9:15 – 11:45 or 12:30 – 3:00

### **Thornccliffe**

#### **3 & 4 year olds**

Monday to Friday 9:00 – 11:30 or 12:30 – 3:00

### **Beddington**

#### **3 & 4 year olds**

Monday to Friday 9:00 – 11:30 or 12:30 – 3:00

## Helpful Information

- Please keep in mind that even though classes may be offered all 5 mornings, for example, if you only want to send your child twice a week, you can choose which 2 days you would prefer. Usually, one teacher teaches on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays and a different teacher teaches on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- Your child must be 3 years old by December 31, 2024, to join a 3 year old preschool class for the 2024 – 2025 school year. They can start in September if they are turning 3 by the end of December.
- Your child must be 4 years old by December 31, 2024, to join a 4 year old class for the 2024 – 2025 school year.
- Your child must be 5 years old by December 31, 2024, to join a Kindergarten class for the 2024 – 2025 school year.
- Our Kindergarten programs are funded by the government of Alberta. We charge a one-time, non-refundable registration fee to pay for school supplies and field trips. **Please keep in mind the government will only provide funding for one Kindergarten program. If your child is registered in another Kindergarten program, that program will receive the funding and you would have to pay for your child to attend our Kindergarten program.**
- Please note that any classes offered are subject to change. We may not end up running a class if there are not enough children registered for the class.

## Fees

Registration fee (preschool)	\$145 (non-refundable)
Registration fee (Kindergarten)	\$315 (non-refundable)

Wilbury Gang                      \$60/month (no registration fee)

### Preschool

1 day/week	\$134/month	<b>\$59/month</b>
2 days/week	\$216/month	<b>\$141/month</b>
3 days/week	\$268/month	<b>\$193/month</b>
4 days/week	\$319/month	<b>\$244/month</b>
5 days/week	\$360/month	<b>\$285/month</b>

We apply the \$75 affordability grant provided to us by the federal and provincial governments. The actual rates after this reduction are in **green** print next to our rates. You can also apply for the government subsidy grant online at <https://www.alberta.ca/child-care-subsidy.aspx>. If you qualify for the grant, the government will pay up to \$125/month per child. We suggest applying the grant in July or August 2024.