The Ardtornish Children’s Centre for Early Childhood Development and Parenting is an integrated early years service in which early childhood and other professionals, families and the local community work to support children and families.

Children’s Centres support children’s development, health, learning and wellbeing. Ardtornish Children’s Centre offers programs and services for families in partnership with Health SA, Families SA, Disability SA and other organisations and agencies identified through discussions with the community and families.

Ardtornish Children’s Centre provides a caring, inclusive and welcoming environment where children can safely engage in their learning and families can access a range of services to meet their needs.

For information, bookings, suggestions and feedback call/sms/e-mail John or Jo at the Children’s Centre, 82649828, 0409984495 or john.buckell@sa.gov.au

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Or visit the facebook page. Just type ‘Ardtornish Children’s Centre’ into the search tab.
Preschool

Sessional preschool is offered for children in their eligible preschool year. Children are entitled to 15 hours a week. We operate the following sessions:

- Monday to Thursday 8:15am-3:45pm

Fees: $150 per term

We recognise that young children learn best through a play based, child centred and developmentally appropriate curriculum that focuses on the learning needs and interests of each child. We have a play-based program that uses the Early Years Learning Framework. There are five learning outcomes:

- Children have a strong sense of identity
- Children are connected with and contribute to their world
- Children have a strong sense of wellbeing
- Children are confident and involved learners
- Children are effective communicators.

Activities for Families

Parenting programs and sessions to support family health and wellbeing are run regularly. A variety of sessions are also held each term for dads, mums and carers, including: parenting speakers; cooking, coffee and drop in mornings; fitness and health; evening, twilight and weekend play activities.

Playgroup

The Ardtornish Playgroup is open 9:30 – 11:30 several mornings a week, depending on the demand.

Vacation play

For playschool aged children their brothers, sisters, mums, dads, grandparents and carers. Usually held the last week of each school holiday, on or off campus - see the flyer at the end of the term.

Cost

Most activities are either free, a gold coin donation or discounted and further concessions may be available.

Occasional care

Three-hour sessions run during preschool hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday am sessions for children two years to preschool age and Wednesday and Thursday am sessions for under 2s – priority is given to children not using other care or education services and bookings are made on an occasional basis.

Fees: $5 a session or $1.50 with Health Care Card

A Family Invitation

Dad, mums, family members and carers are invited to join and support our programs in many ways. Join in our play or gardening program; read a story or stop for a cuppa and have a chat with children. Coffee chats, information and cooking sessions are also held in the community room so keep an eye on the notice board and facebook page.

Find Out More

For more information about activities and opportunities for parents to be involved, see our Facebook page, drop in for a visit, call/sms John on 049984495 or call Jo on 82649828.