



From mountain to sea

# Applying for Early Learning and Childcare for Your Child

## Early Learning and Childcare Application Pack

Session 2018–2019



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## Glossary

### **Family Information Service**

The Family Information Service is a free, impartial service. It provides detailed information and advice on child care, as well as a range of services for children aged 0-19 and their families across Aberdeenshire

<https://families.scot/afis@aberdeenshire.gov.uk>

### **0800 298 3330**

**Eligible Child 3 and 4 year old (for Early Learning and Childcare)** Eligible Child means all children aged between 3 (the term after their third birthday) and up to school entry.

### **Eligible 2 year old (for Early Learning and Childcare)**

Children aged 2 whose family meets the criteria under the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. This is detailed in the booklet.

### **Early Learning and Childcare Placement**

Eligible children are entitled up to 600 hours in each year or a pro-rata amount of hours dependent upon the term in which they are eligible to start.

### **Cluster area**

Local primary schools are grouped in 'clusters'. All primary schools within the cluster are zoned for the same Secondary School.

### **Curriculum for Excellence**

Curriculum for Excellence represents Scotland's vision for the education of all children. It aims to raise standards, improve knowledge and develop skills. The aim of all Early Years' settings and Primary Schools in Scotland is to ensure that every child experiences a broad general education and skills for learning, life and work that are delivered with a focus on literacy, numeracy, health and wellbeing.

### **The Care Inspectorate**

Is the independent scrutiny and improvement body for care services in Scotland.

Reports on childcare settings can be accessed through the website

[www.careinspectorate.com](http://www.careinspectorate.com)

### **Education Scotland**

The role of Education Scotland is to support quality and improvement in Scottish education. Settings delivering Early Learning and Childcare are subject to inspections by Her Majesty's Inspectors. Reports and further information can be obtained from [www.educationscotland.gov.uk](http://www.educationscotland.gov.uk)

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## What Can I Expect?

Aberdeenshire Council has a duty to provide free part time Early Learning and Childcare places for all 3- and 4-year olds whose parents wish one and for eligible 2-year olds.

Eligible children are currently entitled to up to 600 hours of Early Learning and Childcare throughout the year.

Early Learning and Childcare provision in Aberdeenshire is managed through the Council's Education and Children's Services.

**Please note: Transport to and from Early Learning and Childcare settings is NOT provided or funded by Education and Children's Services.**

## The application period for 2018/19 is:-

**January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 - February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018**

## How Can I Apply?

### Eligible 3 and 4 year olds

You should apply during the application period if your child was born between:

**1st March 2014 and 29th February 2016.**

This pack explains the choices you have and the steps you need to take to apply for an Early Learning & Childcare place.

## When Can My Child Start?

Every child is entitled to free Early Learning and Childcare at the start of the term as per dates below.

- Children who will be 3 years old by 31st August start Early Learning & Childcare in August. \* See below.
- Children who will be 3 years old by 31st December start Early Learning & Childcare in January.
- Children who will be 3 years old by the last day of February start Early Learning & Childcare in April.

\*Your child must be three before she/he starts Early Learning and Childcare. Children whose birthdays fall after the start of term in August but before the 31<sup>st</sup> August will have a start date on a day after their third birthday.

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### **Eligible Two Year olds**

You can apply if your child was born between

**1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017** and meets the following.

Eligible 2-year old children fall into three categories:

1. Children that are looked after and accommodated or are under a kinship or guardianship order. **Application to be made by the relevant Social worker.**
2. Children whose families are in receipt of one or more of these qualifying Benefits. Parents can make application directly. Please see below.
  - Income Support.
  - Incapacity or Severe Disablement Allowance.
  - State Pension Credit.
  - Income based Jobseekers Allowance.
  - Any income-related element of the Employment & Support Allowance.
  - Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and your income is below £16,105.
  - Both maximum CTC and WTC with income less than £6,420.
  - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
  - Universal Credit (interim measure).
  - Any other qualifying benefit as stated by the Department for Work and Pensions.**Application to be made by parent/ carer.**
3. Health Visitor referral. **Application to be made by Health Visitor.**

### **Applying for a place for a two year old**

Application forms can be obtained, by contacting the Early Years Team on 01467 533310 or [earlyyears@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)

Forms must be returned to the same early years' inbox to be processed centrally.

For criteria 1 and 3 the agency will make application and complete the forms.  
For criteria 2 the parent/carer will make application and complete the forms.

## **What is available?**

### **Local Authority**

Early Years provision can be located in a primary school or in a standalone facility.

Admission to Early Learning and Childcare provision is allocated within a chosen cluster (refer to glossary) and does not automatically ensure continuation to Primary one in that setting unless it is the school identified for the catchment area. Transport to and from an Early Learning & Childcare setting is not provided or funded by Education and Children's Services.

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## Partner Provider

Aberdeenshire Council works in partnership with other Early Learning and Childcare settings to offer a choice of provision to parents/carers:

- Playgroups
- Private nurseries
- Independent schools

In a partner provider setting you can access your entitlement of up to 600 hours per year, in a pattern agreed between yourself and the setting. Each session must be between 2.5 and 8 hours per day. A charge may be made for services provided by partner providers that are out with the number of hours funded.

It should be noted that Aberdeenshire Council cannot guarantee a place in the provider of your choice.

Aberdeenshire Council is currently in consultation with registered child minders to become partner providers. For details in your area please contact [earlyyears@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears@aberdeenshire.gov.uk).

## Aberdeenshire Early Learning and Childcare settings offer the following:

All settings follow \*Curriculum for Excellence and are subject to on-going quality assurance by local authority officers, \*Care Inspectorate and \*Education Scotland. Partner providers must satisfy rigorous selection criteria prior to being accepted as a partner provider delivering Early Learning and Childcare in Aberdeenshire.

Before making your decision you may wish to visit a few early years' settings. Please telephone the setting to make an appointment to ensure that staff have time to talk with you and answer any questions.

## What if my child has additional support needs?

There is an opportunity to indicate the specific additional support needs of your child on the application form. Parents/carers will be invited to discuss the needs of their child with the Head Teacher/ Manager of the setting of their choice. Where needed, staff and parents will work in partnership to develop an individual plan for transition. Parents may wish to refer to

<https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/additional-support-needs/>

**Early Learning and Childcare Enhanced Provision** For a very small minority of children with significant additional support needs it may be appropriate to explore support from an enhanced ELC provision in order to best meet their needs.

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## What if my child is currently in an Early Learning and Childcare setting?

If your child is returning to the same setting it will be necessary to complete a new application form for continuation at the setting. If you wish your child to change setting you must make a new application directly to the setting of your choice.

### Local Authority Provision

- From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 you can go to the school of your choice to collect an application form. These can also be downloaded from: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/admissions/early-learning-and-childcare/>
- Complete only **one** application form per child stating **three accessible** choices (It is important that you indicate three choices of settings that you can access as demand for places in some settings can exceed supply).
- Please return the completed application form, to the school of your **first choice** by 2nd February 2018, together with supporting documentation:
  - a. Your child's birth certificate.
  - b. Evidence of your home address, e.g. a recent (last 3 months) utility bill or bank statement.

### Partner Provider

- Parents/carers should go to the setting of their choice and complete an Aberdeenshire Council application form.
- Return your completed application form together with:
  - a. Your child's birth certificate.
  - b. Evidence of your home address, e.g. a recent (last 3 months) utility bill or bank statement.

These documents **will not** be retained by the Early Years setting.

## What happens next?

### Local Authority Provision

- Applications for Children due to start at an Early Years Setting in August 2018 will be offered a place by letter, dated 20th March 2018
  - Applications for children due to start at an Early Years Setting in January or April 2019 will be retained by the Council for allocation as follows.
    - January 2019 start, offer letters sent out 28th September 2018.
    - April 2019 start, offer letters sent out 7th December 2018.
    - Please note that offers are made where places are available
  - Please return the acceptance slip accepting/declining your offer by the date specified on the letter or it will be assumed you no longer require your place
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## Partner Providers

- You will receive a letter offering your child a place directly from the provider.
- Please return the acceptance slip accepting/declining your offer by the date specified on the letter or it will be assumed you no longer require your place.

## How are Early Learning and Childcare places allocated?

Early Learning and Childcare places are allocated using Aberdeenshire Early Learning and Childcare Policy for Admissions.

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/information/early-learning-and-childcare-information/>

## ADMISSIONS CRITERIA FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE SETTINGS AGED 2 TO NOT YET ATTENDING SCHOOL

### Priority One

Two-year old children eligible under Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014

### Priority Two

Children deferring entry from Primary One and staying at an ELC setting, where an additional year of funding has been agreed by Aberdeenshire Council.

### Priority Three

3 and 4-year old children who are resident in Aberdeenshire, who have a significant additional support needs.

### Priority Four

Children who are returning to the same ELC setting, including those who were eligible from aged two.

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### Priority Five

Four year olds from the local children's services network

### Priority Six

Three year olds from the local Children's services network who have a sibling already within the ELC setting and/or school.

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### Priority Seven

Three year olds from the local children's services network

### Priority Eight

Children whose childcare is within the local children's services network

### Priority Nine

All other eligible children residing in Aberdeenshire

### Priority Ten

Children residing out with Aberdeenshire

## Transferring and Split Placements between Early Learning and Childcare settings

The Children and Young Peoples (Scotland) Act 2014 requires an education authority to have flexibility in the way in which early learning and childcare is made available and that it is flexible enough to allow parents an appropriate degree of choice when deciding how to access the service.

- Parents/carers residing in Aberdeenshire may request to split a child's placement between two ELC settings.  
After discussing the need for a split placement with the Headteacher/Manager of both settings, a Split Placement Request Form must be obtained from and returned to [earlyyears@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)  
This would be subject to availability at both settings.
  - Parents/carers may request a transfer between settings. Once a place is allocated and accepted to settings from the child's eligible start date until the end of the school year, a transfer from one setting to another may be allocated, following request for transfer.  
You must discuss this with the Headteacher/Manager at your present setting before completing a Transfer Request Form, which can be obtained from and returned to [earlyyears@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyears@aberdeenshire.gov.uk)  
This would be subject to availability at the requested setting.
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## What if my child needs more Early Learning and Childcare experience?

### Delayed entry to Primary one

***"Parents of children born between September and December can request to defer their child's entry to the following August. These deferrals are not automatic and are subject to approval by the local education authority. Parents of children born in January and February may also choose to defer their child's entry; these requests are automatically approved." – Growing up in Scotland***

If your child was born between the 1st January 2014 and 28th February 2014 she/he has a statutory right to delay entry to primary one in the academic year 18/19. The Delayed Entry Request Form can be obtained from your Early Years setting. You need only complete Section A of the Delayed Entry Request Form and submit to the setting together with an Early Learning and Childcare application form.

If your child is born between the 1st September and 31st December 2013 and you wish to delay your child's entry to Primary One, you should initially discuss this with the Head Teacher of the school where you intend to enrol your child for primary 1. Following this discussion, if you then wish to proceed, please submit a Delayed Entry Request Form together with an Admission Form A to this primary school. These forms are available from the primary school. All applications for delayed entry to primary 1 go to a decision making central panel.

## Early Learning and Childcare Extended Service

Currently Aberdeenshire Council is offering extended provision to parents/carers for a short-term period to provide extra support to families. Further details regarding criteria for this provision can be obtained from Early Learning and Childcare settings, Health Visitors and anyone working with children and families up to school entry age.

These provisions are indicated in the contact details that follow.

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## Aboyne Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Aboyne School Nursery	01339 886 638	*		*
Ballater School Nursery	01339 755 419			*
Ballogie School Nursery	01339 886 765			
Braemar School Nursery	01339 741 250			
Tarland School Nursery	01339 881 204			
Torphins School Nursery	01339 882 269			
Playgroups				
Lumphanan Pre-school Playgroup	01339 883 740			
Torphins Playgroup	01339 882 978			
Private Day Nurseries				
Sunshine Nursery, Torphins	01339 882 929			

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## Alford Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Alford School Nursery	01975 562 395	*	*	
Echt School Nursery	01330 860 510			
Towie School Nursery	01975 641 247			
Tullynessle School Nursery'	01975 562 365			*
Playgroups				
Alford Playgroup	01975 563 505			
Monymusk Playgroup	07709 799 159			
Private Day Nurseries				
Alford Day Nursery	01975 562 360			

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## Banchory Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Banchory School Nursery	01330 823 351	*	*	*
Crossroads Nursery School, Durriss	01330 844 685			
Drumoak School Nursery	01330 811 221			
Hill of Banchory School Nursery	01330 825 500			
Private Day Nurseries				
Celtic Cross Nursery, Banchory	01330 824 744			
Woodlands Nursery, Banchory	01330 823 432			

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## Banff Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Aberchirder School Nursery	01466 780 241			
Banff School Nursery	01261 813 100	*		
Macduff School Nursery	01261 832 665			*
Ordiquhill School Nursery	01466 751 203			
Portsoy School Nursery	01261 842 238			
Whitehills School Nursery	01261 861 431			
Playgroups				
Banff Playgroup	07542 177 122			
Gardenstown (Gamrie) Playschool	01261 851 917			
Whitehills Playgroup	01261 861 431			
Private Day Nurseries				
Lillies Kindergarten	01261 833 132			

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## Ellon Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Auchterellon School Nursery	01358 720 863		*	
Balmedie School Nursery	01358 742 474			
Ellon School Nursery	01358 720 692	*		
Meiklemill School Nursery	01358 721 852			
Newburgh Mathers School Nursery	01358 789 283			*

  

Playgroups	
Auchnagatt & District Pre-School Setting (Arnage School) - also Mintlaw	07914 667 691
Auchterellon Under 5s	01358 720 740
Gordon Park Pre School Ellon	01358 722 234
Hatton (Cruden) Playgroup & Under 3s	07929 919 446
Newburgh Pre School	01358 789 461

  

Private Day Nurseries	
Banbury Cross Nursery (Bridge of Don)	01224 702 300
Links Nursery (Balmedie)	01358 743 094
Stepping Stones Nursery, Ellon	01358 724 343

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## Fraserburgh Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Crimond School Nursery	01346 532 251			
Fraserburgh North School Nursery	01346 518 015			
Fraserburgh South Park School Nursery	01346 518 586			
Inverallochy School Nursery	01346 582 217			
Lochpots School Nursery	01346 515 751			
Rosehearty School Nursery	01346 571 230			
Sandhaven School Nursery	01346 518 202			
St Andrews School Nursery	01346 518 247	*		*
Playgroups				
Auld Kirk Nursery	01346 517 352			
Private Day Nurseries				
Happy Days	01346 511 005			
Kiddiwinks Nursery Ltd	01346 510 600			
Peek-a-Boo Nursery	01346 511 334			
Playbarn Too Nursery	01346 512 590			

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## Huntly Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Drumblade School Nursery	01466 740 228			
Gartly School Nursery	01466 720 270			
Glass School Nursery	01466 700 210			
Gordon School Nursery	01466 792 550	*		
Insch School Nursery	01464 820 252			
Rhynie School Nursery	01464 861 257			
Private Day Nurseries				
Annie's Nursery, Insch	01464 820 517			
The Kindergarten, Huntly	01466 794 525			

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## Inverurie Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Kellands School Nursery	01467 536 820		*	*
Uryside School Nursery	01467 536 800			*
Newmachar School Nursery	01651 862 245			
Port Elphinstone School Nursery	01467 536 860			
Strathburn School Nursery	01467 536 840	*		
Playgroups				
Newmachar Playgroup	07961 662 978			
St Andrew's Church Playgroup	07854 043 011			
Strathburn Park Playgroup	07761 771 774			
Private Day Nurseries				
Flowerpots Childcare	01651 869 078			
Les Enfants Nursery	01467 623 240			
Stepping Stones Nursery, Inverurie	01467 625 295			
Summers Nursery Ltd	01467 628 862			

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## Kemnay Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Alehousewells School Nursery	01467 536 910		*	*
Kemnay School Nursery	01467 536 960			
Kinellar School Nursery	01224 742 888			
Kintore School Nursery	01467 539 975	*		
Midmill School Nursery	01467 536 888			*
Playgroups				
Kinellar Stars	01224 790 861			
Kintore Playgroup	01467 634 386			
Private Day Nurseries				
Cherry Tree Pre-school	01224 790 044			
Wee Rascals, Kintore	01467 633 270			
Wee Rascals Too, Kintore	01467 633 994			

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## Laurencekirk Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Auchenblae School Nursery	01561 320 249			*
Fettercairn School Nursery	01561 340 250			
Laurencekirk School Nursery	01561 400 640	*	*	*
St Cyrus School Nursery	01674 850 215			

  

Playgroups	
Auchenblae Pre-school	07817 505 657

  

Private Day Nurseries	
Lathallan Nursery (Applications will also be considered in the Stonehaven cluster)	01561 362 245
Poppies Pre-school Ltd	01561 376 274

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## Meldrum Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Meldrum School Nursery	01651 871 100	*	*	
Methlick School Nursery	01651 806 203			
Pitmedden School Nursery	01651 842 374			
Rothienorman School Nursery	01651 821 247			*
Tarves School Nursery	01651 851 247			

### Playgroups

Rothienorman Pre-school	01651 821 577
Tarves Playgroup	07773 879 290
Udny Station Pre-school Playgroup	07884 033 316

### Private Day Nurseries

Hoodles Nursery, Oldmeldrum	01651 873 995
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## Mintlaw Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Longside School Nursery	01779 821 233			
Mintlaw School Nursery	01771 623 549	*		
New Deer School Nursery	01771 644 265			
New Pitsligo & St John's School Nursery	01771 653 232			
Pitfour School Nursery	01771 622 855		*	
Strichen School Nursery	01771 637 250			
Playgroups				
Auchnagatt & District Pre-school Centre (Arnage School) – also Ellon	07914 667 691			
St Kane's Pre-School, New Deer	01771 644 340			
Strichen Playgroup	07761 388 552			
Stuartfield Playgroup	07484 528 009			

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## Peterhead Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Boddam School Nursery	01779 473 359		*	*
Buchanhaven School Nursery	01779 472 543			
Clerkhill School Nursery	01779 472 473			
Dales Park School Nursery	01779 477 133	*	*	*
Meethill School Nursery	01779 474 920			*
Peterhead Central School Nursery	01779 472 211			*
Port Erroll School Nursery	01779 812 622			
St Fergus School Nursery	01779 838 225			
Private Day Nurseries				
Bright Beginnings	01779 473 280			
Buoys and Gulls	01779 476 888			
Pride N Joy Nursery	01779 481 652			
First Class Day Nursery	01779 474 156			
Hi! Class Day Nursery	07410 974 331			
Stepping Stones Nurseries (Peterhead) Ltd	01779 481 344			
Vital Sparks Nursery	01779 482 330			

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## Portlethen Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Fishermoss School Nursery	01224 782 277		*	
Hillside School Nursery	01224 472 850			*
Lairhillock School Nursery (also Stonehaven)	01569 732 520			
Newtonhill School Nursery	01569 730 597			
Portlethen School Nursery	01224 780 238	*		

### Playgroups

Bourtree Pre-school      01224 782 472

### Private Day Nurseries

Chapleton Nursery      01569 731 991  
(The Croft Nurseries Ltd)

Great Western Pre-school (Portlethen)      01224 780 765

Great Western Two Pre-school (Portlethen)      01224 780 999

Mucky Boots ( Outdoor Learning Kindergarten)      07939 547 016

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## Stonehaven Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Arduthie School Nursery	01569 762 996			
Bervie School Nursery	01561 361 312			
Dunnottar School Nursery	01569 762 414			
Lairhillock School Nursery (also Portlethen)	01569 732 520			
Mill O'Forest School Nursery	01569 763 561	*	*	*
Playgroups				
Inverbervie Pre-school Playgroup	01561 362 039			
Mearns Pre-school Playgroup	07842 013 132			
Private Day Nurseries				
Babes in the Wood	01569 760 123			
Mucky Boots (Outdoor Learning Kindergarten)	07939 547 016			
Simpsons Playhouse	01569 766 655			
Lathallan Nursery (Applications will also be considered in the Laurencekirk cluster)	01561 362 245			
The Croft Nursery	01569 765 122			

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## Turriff Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Fyvie School Nursery	01651 267 400			*
Turriff School Nursery	01888 530 855	*	*	*
Monquhitter School Nursery	01888 544 238			
Playgroups				
Auchterless Playgroup	01888 511 066			
Busy Bees Playgroup	01888 563 844			
Crudie Preschool Playgroup	01888 551 326			
Fyvie Pre-school Playgroup	07960 608 280			*
Turriff Pre-School Playgroup, Gateway Setting	01888 568 539			

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## Westhill Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries				
Setting Name	Telephone Number	Enhanced Provision	Extended Provision	Twos Provision
Crombie School Nursery	01224 740 900	*		
Elrick School Nursery	01224 741 900			
Westhill School Nursery	01224 740 225		*	*

  

Playgroups	
Denman Playgroup	01224 743 098
Kirkton of Skene Playgroup	07789 871 601
Scout Hall Playgroup	01224 742 455

  

Private Day Nurseries	
The Bridges	01224 744 741

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#### Local Area Education Offices

**Alford, Aboyne, Banchory, Huntly, Laurencekirk, Portlethen, Stonehaven**

**Contact: Stonehaven Area EC&S Office**, Queens Road, Stonehaven AB39 2QQ

Tel: 01569 690 535

**Banff and Mintlaw**

**Contact: Banff & Buchan EC&S Office**, 32 Low Street, Banff AB45 1AN

Tel.01261 813 340

**Ellon, Inverurie, Kemnay, Meldrum, Turriff, Westhill**

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#### Health Visiting Team

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