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# Applying for Early Learning and Childcare for Your Child

Early Learning and Childcare  
Application Booklet for children born between

1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 – 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019

Session 2021–2022



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## Glossary

### Family Information Service

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

**Email:** [afis@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:afis@aberdeenshire.gov.uk) **Telephone:** 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.

### Early Learning and Childcare Placement

From August 2021, eligible children will be entitled up to 1140 hours in each year or a pro-rata amount of hours dependent upon the term in which they are eligible to start.

### Funded Provider

ELC setting/Childminder that provides funded Early Learning and Childcare on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council.

### **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's experiences are broad general education and skills for learning, life and work that are delivered with a focus on literacy, numeracy and health & 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)

## **What Can I Expect?**

Aberdeenshire Council has a duty to provide funded Early Learning and Childcare places for all 3 and 4 year olds and also for eligible 2 year olds. From August 2021, parents/carers will be **entitled up to 1140 hours** of Early Learning and Childcare.

Early Learning and Childcare provision in Aberdeenshire is managed through the Local Authority'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 2021/22 is:**

**January 18<sup>th</sup> 2021 – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

## **How Can I Apply?**

You can apply using the on-line form available on the Aberdeenshire website.

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyForNurseryPlace>

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### **Eligible 3 and 4 year olds**

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

**1st March 2017 and 28th February 2019.**

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

### **How will I find out if my child has been allocated at place?**

You will receive a confirmation letter by email once your child's place has been confirmed. The time taken to confirm will depend on whether or not you are offered your 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice.

## **When Can My Child Start?**

Every child is entitled to funded Early Learning and Childcare 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.

## **What is available?**

### **Local Authority**

Local authority provision is usually located in a primary school.

Parents must choose 3 settings. **Aberdeenshire Council cannot guarantee a place at the setting of your choice.**

There are three different models of how hours are provided across local authority settings. Please refer to page 11 onwards to find information on each setting.

#### **09:00-15:00 Term Time (38 weeks a year)**

Children can attend up to 5 sessions a week in blocks of up to 6 hours.

#### **08:00-18:00 Term Time (38 weeks a year)**

Children can attend up to 6 sessions a week in blocks of up to 5 hours.

#### **08:00-18:00 All Year Round (50 weeks a year)**

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Children can attend up to 5 sessions a week in blocks of up to 5 hours. In settings running the 50 week model the allocation of 1140 hours will be taken across 46 weeks and therefore, in addition to the 2 week Christmas break, children will take 4 additional holiday weeks to ensure that they do not exceed their 1140 allocation – this also includes a notional allowance to cover a disruption in service.

\*Please note, that although these settings are open all year round, you can choose for your child to only attend during term time.

Guidance for ELC settings in relation Covid-19 is continually changing and this may impact the service that can be provided.

Local Authority nurseries are attached to primary schools, however there is no guarantee that your child will be able to stay at the school for their primary education if your child is not zoned for that school.

Transport to and from an Early Learning and Childcare setting is not provided or funded by Education and Children's Services.

## **Funded Provider**

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

- Childminders (CM)
- Playgroups (PG)
- Private nurseries (PN)

In a funded provider setting, you can access up to 1140 funded hours per year, in a pattern agreed between yourself and the setting. A charge may be made for services provided by funded providers that are out with the number of funded hours available. Funded providers may make additional charges for other services.

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

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

All settings follow Curriculum for Excellence and are subject to on-going quality assurance by the Local Authority, Care Inspectorate and Education Scotland. Funded providers must satisfy rigorous selection criteria prior to being accepted as a funded provider delivering Early Learning and Childcare in Aberdeenshire. Visits may not be possible under current Covid-19 restrictions.

If you wish to visit an Early Learning and Childcare setting prior to making your selection please telephone the setting to make an appointment to ensure that staff have time to talk with you and answer any questions.

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## 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/carers will work in partnership to develop an individual plan for transition. Parents/carers may wish to refer to

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

**Early Learning and Childcare Enhanced Provision** For a small number 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.

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

You must complete an on-line form every year whether you wish to continue at the current setting or change to another setting.

- From Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 you can apply online on the Aberdeenshire website.

<http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyForNurseryPlace>

- Complete only **one** application form per child.
- Late applications may result in a delay in offering you a place.

## What happens next?

### Local Authority Provision

- Applications for children due to start at an Early Years setting in August 2021 will be offered a place by letter, dated 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021, offering an Early Learning and Childcare place.
- Applications for children due to start at an Early Years setting in January or April 2022 will be retained by the Local Authority for allocation as follows.
  - January 2022 start, offer letters sent out 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021.
  - April 2022 start, offer letters sent out 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021.
- Please return the acceptance letter accepting/declining your offer by the date specified on the letter or it will be assumed you no longer require your place

### Funded Providers

- You will be notified of your child receiving a funded place directly from the provider. This will be up to 1140 hours, depending on funded place applied for.
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- Please return the acceptance letter 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.

#### Priority Seven

Three year olds from the local children's services network

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### 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 one or more ELC settings. The online application form allows you to indicate this.
- Where a split is indicated someone from the provider will contact the parent to establish ELC requirements.
- 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 a request for transfer. **Transfer will only be granted in exceptional circumstances.**

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.

## Purchasing additional sessions/wraparound care.

At present, it is only possible to purchase additional ELC sessions/wraparound care from funded providers. This is a private arrangement between the funded provider and parent.

## What if I feel my child needs more ELC?

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### **Deferred entry to Primary one**

***“Parents of children who turn 5 after the first day of school and the last day of 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 2017 and 28th February 2017, she/he has a statutory right to delay entry to Primary One in the academic year 2021/22. The Deferred Entry Request Form can be obtained from your Early Years setting. You need only complete Section A of the Deferred Entry Request Form and submit to the setting together with an Early Learning and Childcare application form.

If your child turns 5 after the first day of school and the last day of December and you wish to delay your child's entry to Primary One, you must discuss this with the Head Teacher of the school where you intend to enrol your child for Primary One. Following this discussion, if you then wish to proceed, please submit a Deferred Entry Request Form to the primary school. This form is available from the primary school. All applications for deferred entry to Primary One go to a decision making cluster panel.

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## Aboyne Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries					
Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00-18:00	09:00-15:00	Term Time	Whole Year
Aboyne School Nursery	01339 267680	*			*
Ballater School Nursery	01339 267715		*	*	
Ballogie School Nursery	01339 886765		*	*	
Braemar School Nursery	01339 267707		*	*	
Tarland School Nursery	01339 267720		*	*	
Torphins School Nursery	01339 267730		*	*	

Funded Providers – settings which provide funded early learning and childcare on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council				
Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
Lumphanan Pre-school Playgroup	01339 883 740	PG		
Natalie Reid – Natalie's Childminding	07735 378469	CM		
Sunshine Nursery, Torphins	01339 882 929	PN		
Torphins Playgroup	01339 882 978	PG		

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## Alford Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries					
Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00-18:00	09:00-15:00	Term Time	Whole Year
Alford School Nursery	01975 562395	*			*
Echt School Nursery	01330 700410	*		*	
Towie School Nursery	01975 520415		*	*	
Tullynessle School Nursery	01975 520385		*	*	

Funded Providers – settings which provide funded early learning and childcare on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council				
Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
Alford Playgroup	01975 563 505	PG		
Baiba Gricmane – Tiny Steps	07513 863869	CM		
Claire Shepherd – Little Pippins	07748 624 684	CM		
Linda McRae	07845 235 044	CM		
Monymusk Playgroup	07709 799 159	PG		
Sarah Rumbles	01975 563189	CM		

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## Banchory Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries					
Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00-18:00	09:00-15:00	Term Time	Whole Year
Banchory School Nursery	01330 700370	*			*
Crossroads Nursery School, Durris	01330 844685		*	*	
Drumoak School Nursery	01330 700375		*	*	
Hill of Banchory School Nursery	01330 826256	*			*
Funded Providers – settings which provide funded early learning and childcare on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council					
Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block	
Celtic Cross Nursery, Banchory	01330 824744	PN			
Woodlands Nursery, Banchory	01330 823432	PN			

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## Banff Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries					
Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00-18:00	09:00-15:00	Term Time	Whole Year
Aberchirder School Nursery	01466 405920	*		*	
Banff School Nursery	01261 455755	*			*
Macduff School Nursery	01261 455765	*			*
Ordiquhill School Nursery	01466 405905		*	*	
Portsoy School Nursery	01261 455785	*		*	
Whitehills School Nursery	01261 455795		*	*	

  

Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
Banff Playgroup	07542 177122	PG		
Beryl West	01261 833336	CM		
Christine Mathieson – Welly Walkers	07500 643335	CM		
Emily Armstrong	07561 561812	CM		
Gardenstown (Gamrie) Playschool	01261 851917	PG		
Rachel Watt – Gamrie childcare	07920 091500	CM		
Sara Rennie	07751 002347	CM		
Wilma Smith	01261 861733	CM		

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## Ellon Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries					
Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00-18:00	09:00-15:00	Term Time	Whole Year
Auchterellon School Nursery	01358 281 095	*			*
Balmedie School Nursery	01358 281 105	*			*
Ellon School Nursery	01358 281 090	*			*
Meiklemill School Nursery	01358 281 100	*			*
Newburgh Mathers School Nursery	01358 281 120	*		*	

Funded Providers – settings which provide funded early learning and childcare on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council					
Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block	
Amanda Adams	07479 014 316	CM			
Auchnagatt & District Pre-School Setting (Arnage School) - also Mintlaw	07914 667 691	PG			
Banana Moon – Bridge of Don	01224 824854	PN			
Banbury Cross Nursery (Bridge of Don)	01224 702 300	PN			
Deborah Hewison – Country Kids	01358 761286	CM			
Diane Crossan	01358 723 021	CM			
Gordon Park Early Learning & Childcare	01358 722 234	PG			



Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
Hatton (Cruden) Playgroup	07929 919 446	PG		
Kirsty Liddle – Harlequins	07854 505057	CM		
Kirsteen MacRae	01358 789412	CM		
Laura McIntosh	07539 496 268	CM		
Links Nursery (Balmedie)	01358 743 094	PN		
Margaret Craft	07702 883 859	CM		
Michelle Harper	07970 850 453	CM		
Newburgh Pre School	01358 789 461	PG		
Patricia Stickle	01358 720122	CM		
Shannon Dewars	07414 669636	CM		
Stepping Stones Nursery, Ellon	01358 724 343	PN		
Vicki Allan	01358 723545	CM		
Vicki Noble	01358 722 099	CM		
Vicky Trotter	07826 541 167	CM		
Zoe Sadler	01358 729 721	CM		

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## Fraserburgh Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries					
Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00 18:00	09:00 15:00	Term Time	Whole Year
Crimond School Nursery	01346 415 865	*		*	
Fraserburgh North School Nursery	01346 415 830		*	*	
Fraserburgh South Park School Nursery	01346 415 850	*			*
Inverallochy School Nursery	01346 415 880	*			*
Lochpots School Nursery	01346 415 825	*			*
Rosehearty School Nursery	01346 415 875	*		*	
Sandhaven School Nursery	01346 415 835		*	*	
St Andrews School Nursery	01346 415 845	*			*
Funded Providers – settings which provide funded early learning and childcare on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council					
Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Blocks	
Auld Kirk Nursery	01346 517 352	PG			
Happy Days Nursery	01346 511 005	PN			
Kiddiwinks Nursery Ltd	01346 510 600	PN			
Mairi Francis – Childminder	07506 501962	CM			

**Funded Providers – settings which provide funded early learning and childcare on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council**

<b>Provider Name</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Funding Model</b>	<b>Funding Blocks</b>
NESCoL – Flexible Childcare	01467 641000	PN		
Peek-a-Boo Nursery	01346 511 334	PN		
Playbarn Nursery	01346 519439	PN		
Playbarn Too Nursery	01346 512590	PN		

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## **Huntly Cluster**

**Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries**

Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00 18:00	09:00 15:00	Term Time	Whole Year
Drumblade School Nursery	01466 405 965		*	*	
Gartly School Nursery (at Rhynie)	01466 405 980		*	*	
Glass School Nursery	01466 405 935		*	*	
Gordon School Nursery	01466 405 910	*			*
Insch School Nursery	01464 635 110	*			*
Rhynie School Nursery	01464 635 105		*	*	

**Funded Providers – settings which provide funded early learning and childcare on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council**

Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
Annie's Nursery, Insch	01464 820 517	PN		
Diana Bruce	01464 821 775	CM		
Dreams Daycare	01464 821155	PN		
The Kindergarten, Huntly	01466 794 525	PN		
Wellie Boots (Sharon Stoneman)	07890 568 857	CM		

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## Inverurie Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries					
Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00 18:00	09:00 15:00	Term Time	Whole Year
Kellands Nursery	01467 536 820	*			*
New Machar Nursery	01651 267420	*			*
Port Elphinstone Nursery	01467 536 860	*		*	
Strathburn Nursery	01467 536 840	*			*
Uryside Nursery	01467 536 800	*			*

Funded Providers – settings which provide funded early learning and childcare on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council				
Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
Busy Bees Nursery, Inverurie	01467 623 240	PN		
Flowerpots Childcare	01651 869 078	PN		
Ilene Fyfe	01224 790 073	CM		
Nicola Davies – Daisy Chains	07758 000 940	CM		
St Andrew's Church Playgroup	07854 043 011	PG		
Stepping Stones Nursery, Inverurie	01467 625 295	PN		
Strathburn Park Playgroup	07761 771 774	PG		
Summers Nursery	01467 628 862	PN		

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## Kemnay Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries					
Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00 18:00	09:00 15:00	Term Time	Whole Year
Alehousewells School Nursery	01467 536 910	*			*
Kemnay School Nursery	01467 536 960	*			*
Kinellar School Nursery	01224 472 888	*			*
Kintore School Nursery	01467 539 975	*			*
Midmill School Nursery	01467 536 888	*			*

Funded Providers – settings which provide funded early learning and childcare on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council				
Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
Aileen Campbell	01467 633589	CM		
Ana Milne	07546 781750	CM		
Banana Moon – Dyce	01224 478988	PN		
Cherry Tree Pre-school	01224 790 044	PN		
Kiddiwinks Playgroup	07925 959 474	PG		
Kinellar Stars	07976 286 073	PG		
Kintore Playgroup	01467 539 979	PG		
Moira Ritchie	01467 642 838	CM		

Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
Wee Rascals Nursery	01467 633 270	PN		
Wee Rascals Too, Nursery	01467 633 994	PN		

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## Laurencekirk Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries					
Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00 18:00	09:00 15:00	Term Time	Whole Year
Auchenblae School Nursery	01561 320 249		*	*	
Fettercairn School Nursery	01561 340 250		*	*	
Laurencekirk School Nursery	01561 400 640	*			*
St Cyrus School Nursery	01674 902 470		*	*	

Funded Providers – settings which provide funded early learning and childcare on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council				
Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
Amy Dougan – Amy's Childcare	01356 648646	CM		
Auchenblae Pre-school	07817 505 657	PG		
Emily Dickinson	01561 378241	CM		
First Friends Laurencekirk	01561 377 447	PN		
Kim Webb	07931 372 234	CM		
Lathallan Nursery (Also Stonehaven)	01561 362 245	PN		
Lisa Grant	07495 427 269	CM		
Poppies Pre-school	01561 376 274	PN		

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## Meldrum Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries					
Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00 18:00	09:00 15:00	Term Time	Whole Year
Meldrum School Nursery	01651 267 455	*			*
Methlick School Nursery	01651 267 410	*		*	
Pitmedden School Nursery	01651 842 374	*			*
Rothienorman School Nursery	01651 267 415	*		*	
Tarves School Nursery	01651 267 445		*	*	

Funded Providers – settings which provide funded early learning and childcare on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council				
Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
Dana Thomson	07557 806 084	CM		
Haddo Woodland Kindergarten	07753 840452	PN		
Helen Simpson – Mini Monsters	01651 821 475	CM		
Hoodles Nursery	01651 873 995	PN		
Kathleen Gauld	07929 226 276	CM		
Kerry Urquhart	07899 052 146	CM		
Lorraine Magill	01651 851942			
Nicola Foister – Rothie Rascals	01651 821 771	CM		
Nicola Welsh	07468 466 438	CM		

Old Rayne  
Playgroup

07470 094 250

PG

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Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
Rothienorman Pre-School	01651 821 577	PG		
Sara Campbell	01651 873354	CM		
Sarah West Childminding	07856 223473	CM		
Scott Walker	01651 851965	CM		
Tarves Playgroup	07484 765 874	PG		
Udny Station Pre-School Playgroup	07884 033 316	PG		

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## Mintlaw Cluster

<b>Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries</b>					
<b>Setting Name</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>08:00 18:00</b>	<b>09:00 15:00</b>	<b>Term Time</b>	<b>Whole Year</b>
* Longside School Nursery	01779 403 700	*		*	
Mintlaw School Nursery	01771 676 620	*		*	
New Deer School Nursery	01771 676 645	*		*	
New Pitsligo & St John's School Nursery	01771 676 612	*			*
Pitfour School Nursery	01771 676 615	*		*	
Strichen School Nursery	01771 676 640		*	*	

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<b>Provider Name</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Funding Model</b>	<b>Funding Block</b>
Amanda McMullan	01771 637171	CM		
Angela Clark	01771 624180	CM		
Auchnagatt & District Pre-school Centre – also Ellon	07914 667 691	PG		
Baiba Briede	07716 063992	CM		
Dawn Connah	01771 622063	CM		
Gillian Junor	01771 613 436	CM		
Jackie Stephen – Jumping Jacks	01771 622771	CM		

Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
Julieanne Merchant	01771 644 669	CM		
Junior Gemz Childminding	07809 875000	CM		
K &K Childminding	07880 972374	CM		
Katherine O'Connor – Kath's Childminding	01771 613 798	CM		
Lyn Urquhart	07983 578236	CM		
* Mini Macs	01771 624593	PN		
Morag Buchan	01771 624387	CM		
Paula Clark	07530 330371	CM		
St Kane's Pre-School	01771 644 340	PG		
Strichen Playgroup	07375 082 005	PG		
Stuartfield Playgroup	07484 528 009	PG		

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**\*please note – Longside possible holiday opening times to be confirmed with Robertsons. As we cannot guarantee holiday opening time at present, Longside has now been changed from 'whole year' opening to 'term time' only.**

**\* Mini Macs is expected to open April 2021. If this is the ELC provider you wish to use to access your funded ELC please contact them directly. Once they have their Care Inspectorate Registration number you will be contacted and asked to completed an on-line ELC application form.**

## Peterhead Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries					
Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00 18:00	09:00 15:00	Term Time	Whole Year
Boddam School Nursery	01779 403 675		*	*	
Buchanhaven School Nursery	01779 403 665	*			*
Clerkhill School Nursery	01779 403 660	*			*
Dales Park School Nursery	01779 403 685	*			*
Meethill School Nursery	01779 403 680	*			*
Peterhead Central School Nursery	01779 403 650	*			*
Port Erroll School Nursery	01779 403 690	*			*
St Fergus School Nursery	01779 403 705	*		*	

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Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
Anne Cross	01779 479958	CM		
Bright Beginnings	01779 473 280	PN		
Buoys and Gulls	01779 476 888	PN		
Fiona McHattie – Fee's Childminding	07943 854431	CM		
First Class Day Nursery	01779 474 156	PN		

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<b>Provider Name</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Funding Model</b>	<b>Funding Block</b>
Lynn Turner – Asklynn 4 Childminding	01779 478960	CM		
Pride N Joy Nursery	01779 481 652	PN		
Stepping Stones Nurseries (Peterhead)	01779 481 344	PN		
Vital Sparks Nursery	01779 482 330	PN		

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## Portlethen Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries					
Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00 18:00	09:00 15:00	Term Time	Whole Year
Fishermoss School Nursery	01224 472 875	*			*
Hillside School Nursery	01224 472 850	*			*
Lairhillock School Nursery (also Stonehaven)	01569 690 485		*	*	
Newtonhill School Nursery	01569 690 480	*			*
Portlethen School Nursery	01224 472 845	*			*
Funded Providers – settings which provide funded early learning and childcare on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council					
Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block	
Bourtree Pre-school	01224 782 472	PG			
Chapleton Nursery (The Croft Nurseries Ltd)	01569 731 991	PP			
Claire Mann	07725 665251	CM			
Diane Drysdale	01569 730736	CM			
Great Western Pre-school (Portlethen)	01224 780 765	PN			
Great Western Two Pre-school (Portlethen)	01224 780 999	PN			
Heather Benzie	07807 694735	CM			

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<b>Provider Name</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Funding Model</b>	<b>Funding Block</b>
Helen Clark	07949 726868	CM		
Jacqueline Carter	07946 441396	CM		
Jennifer Barrowman	07754 259 922	CM		
Karen Reid	07858 484 162	CM		
Kerry Brechenser	07833 776594	CM		
Laura Ironside	01224 905808	CM		
Lynn Abel	01224 781187	CM		
Mucky Boots (Outdoor Learning Kindergarten)	07939 547 016	PN		

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Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries					
Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00 18:00	09:00 15:00	Term Time	Whole Year
Arduthie School Nursery	01569 690 515	*			*
Bervie School Nursery	01561 400 685	*			*
Dunnottar School Nursery (at Carronhill School)	01569 690 505		*	*	
Lairhillock School Nursery (also Portlethen)	01569 690 485		*	*	
Mill O'Forest School Nursery	01569 690 520	*			*

Funded Providers – settings which provide funded early learning and childcare on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council				
Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
Anna Seaton – Little Bunnies	01561 361365	CM		
Babes in the Wood	01569 760 123	PN		
Caroline Tucker – Miss Caroline's Childminding	01561 362696	CM		
Elaine Doyle	01569 765881	CM		
Elaine Lyall	01561 362060	CM		
Glenbervie Preschool	07784 140 693	PG		
Heather Chapman	07879 080109	CM		
Inverbervie Preschool Playgroup	01561 362 039	PG		H

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<b>Provider Name</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Funding Model</b>	<b>Funding Block</b>
Laura Aird	01561 362169	CM		
Lynsey Wellburn – Happytots	07956 064651	CM		
Marie Drummond	07928 132888	CM		
Mucky Boots (Outdoor Learning Kindergarten)	07939 547 016	PN		
Pauline Davidson	01561 362053	CM		
Renee MacGregor – Renee’s Childminding	07984 887008	CM		
Saw Tin Low – Kelly’s Childminding	07522 112426	CM		
Simpsons Playhouse	01569 766 655	PN		
Lathallan Nursery (also Laurencekirk)	01561 362 245	PN		
The Croft Nursery	01569 765 122	PN		

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## Turriff Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries					
Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00 18:00	09:00 15:00	Term Time	Whole Year

Fyvie School  
Nursery

01651  
267 400

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Monquhitter School  
Nursery

01888  
530 840

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Turriff School  
Nursery

01888  
530 855

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Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
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Andrea Duguid

01888 545185

CM

Auchterless Playgroup

01888 511 066

PG

Crudie Preschool  
Playgroup

01888 551 326

PG

Flowerpots Childcare,  
Turriff

01888 563 844

PN

Joanna Paterson

07801 571445

CM

Louise Marler-  
Paterson -Aunty Lou's

07983 311214

CM

Mandy Bruce

01888 562004

CM

Rachel MacKenzie

01888 560521

CM

Sarah Cook

01888 569100

CM

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<b>Provider Name</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Funding Model</b>	<b>Funding Block</b>
Turriff Pre-School Playgroup, Gateway Setting	01888 568 539	PG		

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## Westhill Cluster

Aberdeenshire Council School Nurseries					
Setting Name	Telephone Number	08:00 18:00	09:00 15:00	Term Time	Whole Year
Crombie School Nursery	01224 472 905	*			*
Elrick School Nursery	01224 479 210	*			*
Westhill School Nursery	01224 472 900	*			*
Funded Providers – settings which provide funded early learning and childcare on behalf of Aberdeenshire Council					
Provider Name	Telephone Number		Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
Anna Yasinskaya – Hanna Grape	07743 777743		CM		
Banana Moon – Westhill	01224 742277		PN		
Bridges Nursery, The	01224 744 741		PN		
Deborah Ingram	07986 83 1602		CM		
Denise Milne	01224 740 093		CM		
Denman Playgroup	01224 743 098		PG		
Lindsay Officer	07746 755933		CM		
Morelle Wilson	01224 964645		CM		
Petya Findlay – Happy Bees	07548 897748		CM		
Scout Hall Playgroup	01224 742 455		PG		

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Provider Name	Telephone Number	Provider Type	Funding Model	Funding Block
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