



From mountain to sea

Aberdeenshire Council Early Learning and Childcare Admissions Guide 2023/2024



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Guidance on applying for Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Funding in Aberdeenshire

Introduction

Scottish Government have committed to 1140 hours of funding per year of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) for all 3 and 4-year-old children and eligible 2-year-old children who meet the criteria.

Aberdeenshire Council has a duty to provide funded ELC places for all 3 and 4-year-olds and for eligible 2-year-olds. Parents/carers will be entitled to up to 1140 hours of ELC.

In Aberdeenshire we provide high quality, flexible ELC that is accessible and affordable for all families. We provide a variety of settings across Aberdeenshire for families to access up to 1140hrs of funding every year.

There is a variety of settings providing different models of ELC for you to choose from. These include Local Authority schools and Funded Providers, our Funded Providers include private nurseries, playgroups, childminders, and independent schools.

At the end of this guide, you will see an overview of what each individual setting can offer you. You can choose a setting that is right for you and your child.

How will my child benefit from attending Early Education and Childcare?

Early year's education is not statutory education in Scotland but has many benefits. It allows children to acquire vital skills allowing them to listen to others and share their own ideas. Children can make friends, learn to share, cooperate, and develop a lifelong love of learning.

Making Friends



Learning Together



Numeracy skills



Literacy skills



Health and Wellbeing



Independent



Glossary

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 all children'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

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

Funded Provider

Funded providers are **private nurseries, playgroups, independent schools and registered childminders**, who are in partnership with the local authority to deliver the expanded funded hours. Funded providers must meet the same quality standards as local authority provision and are governed by the same regulatory bodies e.g., Care Inspectorate and Education Scotland



Applying for Early Learning and Childcare for Eligible 2-year-Olds in 2023-2024

Your child may be entitled to funded Early Learning and Childcare.
Eligible 2-year-old children fall into 2 categories.

- Children that are looked after and accommodated
- under a kinship or guardianship order
- Care experienced parents/carers
(Children placed as near their second birthday as possible)

Children whose families are in receipt of one or more of these qualifying benefits:

- 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 £18,725
- Both maximum CTC and WTC with income less than £8,717
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Universal Credit and your household take-home pay is £726 a month or less

All Application forms must be completed and submitted by the parent/carer.
Application forms can be requested by emailing
eligible2andcensus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

If criteria is met, your child will be placed the term after their second birthday or the term after application was received

Please note: All two-year olds are allocated places centrally.
Enquiries regarding eligible two places should be sent to:
eligible2andcensus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

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

When children are placed

- Social Work referrals are placed as close after the child's second birthday as possible or as soon as possible after application is received.
- DWP applications which meet criteria will be placed the term after the child's second birthday or the term after the application is made.
- If a child is not already attending an ELC setting where they will receive funding, placement will only be made during the first two weeks of term commencing.

Where children are placed

We work in partnership with other Early Learning and Childcare settings to offer a choice of provision to parents/Carer

- **Childminders**
- **Playgroups**
- **Private nurseries**
- **Independent schools**

Aberdeenshire Council aim to place children primarily with ELC funded providers. However, there will be some instances when a child will be placed at a school setting, but this will be a decision made centrally

In a funded provider setting, you can access your entitlement which is up to 1140 hours per academic year. Early Learning and Childcare funded hours are provided on a pro rata basis. The most hours that can be accessed in a week are 30 hours per week and this is through accessing a term time (38 week) model.

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

If your child is attending a setting which is in partnership with the Local Authority. We aim to place your child in the same setting.

2 Nurture funded children moving on to a funded place as a three-year-old, families are required to complete an ELC application form. Please see Aberdeenshire Council website for more information.

Enquiries

Enquiries regarding **2 Nurture** funded places should be sent to:

eligible2andcensus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Funding for 3-5 Year Olds



Is my 3–5-year-old child eligible for session 2023/24

Children born between **23rd August 2018** and **14th April 2021** are entitled to funded early learning and childcare in the 2023/24 [school term](#).

If your child turns 3:

- **by 31st August 2023, they are eligible to access the August term 2023***
- **before the start of October term, they are eligible from 30th October 2023**
- **before the start of January term, they are eligible from 8th January 2024**
- **before the start of April term, they are eligible from 15th April 2024**

***Children must be 3 before they can start to access funded ELC, unless they meet the eligible 2 year old criteria. Please note the start of term dates change each year.**

Link to term dates: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/25390/25revisedjun20.pdf>

When can I apply?

Application period – 23rd January 2023 – 3rd February 2023

How can I apply?

If you wish to apply for an Aberdeenshire Early Learning and Childcare setting, you can apply using the online form available on the Aberdeenshire website

<https://online.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions/elc>

Please note children are required to attend a minimum of 2 sessions per week at a local authority setting.

Do I need to reapply even if I'm returning to the same setting?

All children need to apply for the eligible funding every academic year. Even if they are attending the same setting.

How can I use my ELC funding?

Parents/carers have a choice of ELC settings in Aberdeenshire where they can access up to 1140hrs of funding per year. Your entitled funding gets paid directly to your ELC provider by Aberdeenshire Council. Funding can also be used in other local authorities. In Aberdeenshire there are a range of delivery models that you can choose from. Aberdeenshire Council offer 46 week and 38 week models but funded providers will offer other models in addition to this.

In an Aberdeenshire Council ELC setting, the models and hours are as follows.

It can be used for full days, half days, 38 weeks (term time) or 46 weeks (all year) per year.

09:00-15:00 Term Time (38 weeks a year) 30 hours per week

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

08:00-18:00 Term Time (38 weeks a year) 30 hours per week

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

08:00-18:00 All Year Round (46 weeks a year) 25 hours per week

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

What do I need to pay?

Parents and carers will **not** have to pay for any part of their child's funded entitlement and will not be asked for any upfront payment. This will be free at point of entry.

Parents/Carers are not asked to make any upfront payments at any time. This does not include additional charges such as the cost of special day trips or extra-curricular activities, which may be charged to parents / carers.

Support with extra costs

Sometimes an ELC setting will ask you to pay for snacks, meals, or special day trips. Or they might ask that you provide things like nappies, wipes, sun cream, or waterproofs/wellies for example. It all depends on the setting. But if you're worried about how you'll be able to pay for the wee extras, why not check out the [Best Start Early Learning payment](#) as you might be eligible up to £250 to help with costs like these

[Funding follows the child and the national standard for early learning and childcare providers: principles and practice - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

Purchasing additional sessions/wraparound care.

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. You cannot currently buy additional hours or sessions from Aberdeenshire Council settings.

Using Less Hours

1140 is an entitlement but isn't compulsory. You don't need to use all your 1140hrs entitlement. It is not compulsory to use the full 1140 entitlement and you do not have to access all the hours if it doesn't suit you and your child. If you choose not to use your full entitlement the remaining funded hours are non-transferable, in that they can't be saved for a later date. 1140 entitlement is provided on a pro rata basis.

Included Meals/snacks

Children will be entitled to a meal if their session is longer than four hours. A meal maybe offered as a lunch or a high tea. You can access two funded meals if your child is in the setting all day i.e., 8am to 6pm. A child must be accessing a minimum of 8 funded hours in a day in order to access a second funded meal. A maximum of 6 funded meals can be accessed per week.

Where can I use my ELC funding?

Types of ELC Providers

[Funding Follows the Child](#) ensures that the funded early learning and childcare entitlement is delivered in high quality settings. It is underpinned by a National Standard that all settings – regardless of whether they are in the public, private, third or childminding sectors – that wish to deliver early learning and childcare must meet.

The National Standard sets out what children and families should expect from their early learning experience regardless of where they access their child’s funded hours.

All ELC providers will be required to meet the Standard before they can access funding to deliver the free hours, whether they are in the public, private or third sectors or childminders.

Regardless of whether you are applying for an ELC place with a school setting or a childminder, you will need to complete the online application form in order to access your funded hours.

Parents should contact funded provider settings directly to confirm a place before completing an application form.

- **Childminders**- look after children in their own home and can often provide flexible care in a homely environment. Some childminders may also provide options for pick up and drop off.
- **Private Settings** - there is a range of private settings offering a variety of models.
- **School Setting** - Settings provide care for children between 3-5 years many of these settings are attached to schools.

***Cluster area**

(Local primary schools are grouped in ‘clusters. All primary schools within the cluster are zoned for the same secondary school)

Local Authority settings 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.

- **Playgroups**- there is a range of community-based/voluntary run playgroups across Aberdeenshire. Often these are in located in a community setting.
- **Outdoor settings** – These settings are based outdoors and focus on learning in the outdoors. Mucky Boots, (Maryculter) Haddo Woodland Kindergarten (Haddo House) and The Mud Kitchen (Maud)

All our providers are registered with Care Inspectorate under Daycare of Children or childminding registration. All reports on settings can be seen on the Care Inspectorate website. <https://www.careinspectorate.com/>

How do I choose a setting?

With the variety of models on offer parents/carers should consider the type of setting that suits your child and family. Taking into consideration the location, the size of setting and the model of delivery.

If you wish to visit an ELC setting prior to submitting your application, please telephone/email the setting directly to make an appointment.

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

Can I use my funding in more than one setting?

Blended Placements (Split Placements):

Ideally a child should attend one setting consistently. Parents should consider whether a blended placement is necessary.

Parents and carers can request to blend their funded hours between a maximum of two settings. You can indicate this on the application form. Blended placements can be across two local authorities or between a local authority and a funded provider or between two funded providers. Parents need to check with both settings to see if they offer blended placements and can offer the desired pattern/hours of attendance requested before applying. If a Funded Provider does not wish to accommodate blended placements, then the application cannot be supported.

***Please note if you decide to change/cancel your blended placement once funding has started, then this can only be done at the start of an intake period.**

***Please note sessions in local authority settings are either 5 hours or 6 hour blocks we do not operate half or partial sessions in school settings, if you choose to take less hours than you are entitled to within these blocks then these hours cannot be used at a later date or at a different setting.**

*** Please note children are required to attend a minimum of 2 sessions per week at a local authority setting.**

How do I apply for ELC Funding if I defer entry to school?

Children are only entitled to defer if they are **still 4 years old after the start of the academic year on 22nd August 2023.**

Please speak to your Early Years Senior Practitioner if you have any concerns about your child moving on to primary one.

When will I be notified about my submitted application?

Local Authority:

Children due to start:	Parents are notified by email/letter:	
August	March	Applications after notification period will be dealt with on an individual basis.
October	June	
January	September	
April	December	

Parents should return the acceptance letter/email 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.

Regardless of whether you are applying for an ELC place with a school setting or a childminder, you will need to complete the online application form in order to access your funded hours.

How are Early Learning and Childcare places allocated?

Early Learning and Childcare places are allocated using Aberdeenshire Early Learning and Childcare Policy for Admissions. ([weblink to policy](#))

Priority 1

All children **returning** for another academic year.

All entitled delayed entry.

Priority 2

Already placed eligible 2-year-olds (this needs to be indicated on the online application)

Looked after children /vulnerable children (supported application)

Children with ASN (supported application and MAAPM)

Priority 3 - All **new** applications for preschool children with siblings in the school.

Priority 4 - All **new** preschool applications.

Priority 5 - All ante preschool with siblings in the school

Priority 6 - All ante preschool applications

Priority 7 – Non-Aberdeenshire residents

Aberdeenshire Council Flexible ELC Options

	Weekly Pattern/ Session times	Hours per session	Weekly hours	Yearly hours	Weeks per year
Option 1	9am –3pm x 5 days Monday – Friday	6 hours	30	1140	38 weeks T.T*
Option 2	8am -1pm x 5 sessions OR 6 x sessions	5 hours	25	1140	46 weeks
			30		38 weeks T.T*
Option 3	1pm -6pm x 5 sessions OR 6 x sessions	5 hours	25	1140	46 weeks
			30		38 weeks T.T*
Option 4	8am – 6pm	5 hours (2.5 days) OR 5 hours (3 days)	25	1140	46 weeks
			30		38 weeks T.T*
Option 5	Funded Providers up to 1140 hours per year (Models of provision will differ –Parents should contact setting directly for information)				

T.T *– This indicates Term Time (38 weeks).

Above is an overview of the different models in our Early Years settings across Aberdeenshire. You should choose a model that best suits you, your childcare needs, and your child. This may not necessarily be the setting closest to your home.

Parents should contact funded providers directly before submitting an online application form.

Funding is available 38 weeks per year term time or 46 weeks all year.

School Funding Models

In a 9-3 setting:

38 weeks – Children can attend up to 5 sessions a week in blocks of 6 hours over 38 weeks per academic year.

In a 8-6 setting:

38 weeks - Children can attend up to 6 sessions a week in blocks of 5 hours over 38 weeks per academic year.

46 weeks - Children can attend up to 5 sessions a week in blocks of 5 hours over 46 weeks per academic year.

In settings running the 46 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. You will be required to give advance notice of holidays, so that the Early Years Senior Practitioner at the local authority setting can plan staffing, meals etc.

Should you wish to change from accessing term time to 46 week model in a local authority setting, you will need to give at least 4 weeks notice prior to the start of a holiday, should you wish to access funded hours during the holiday period. This is to allow for planning.

ABOYNE CLUSTER

SETTING NAME	Phone / Email	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
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SCHOOLS

ABOYNE	01339 267680 aboyne.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
BALLATER	01339 267715 ballater.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
BALLOGIE	01339 886765 finzean.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
BRAEMAR	01339 267707 braemar.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
TARLAND	01339 267720 tarland.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
TORPHINS	01339 267730 torphins.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					

PLAYGROUPS

LUMPHANA N PRE SCHOOL PLAYGROUP	01339 883740 managerlumphanan.hut@gmail.com					
TORPHINS PLAYGROUP	01339 882978 torphinsplaygroup2023@gmail.com					

PRIVATE NURSERIES

SUNSHINE NURSERY TORPHINS	01339 882929 sunshinenursery@aol.com					
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ALFORD CLUSTER

SETTING NAME	Phone / Email	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
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SCHOOLS

ALFORD	01975 562395 alford.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
ECHT	01330 700410 echt.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk		T.T	T.T	T.T	
TOWIE	01975 520415 towie.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
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PLAYGROUPS

ALFORD PRE-SCHOOL	01975 563505 alfordplaygroup@live.co.uk					
MONYMUSK PLAYGROUP	07709 799159 monymuskplaygroup@gmail.com					

BANCHORY CLUSTER

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SCHOOLS

BANCHORY	01330 700370 banchory.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
CROSSROADS DURRIS	01330 844685 durris.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
DRUMOAK	01330 700375 drumoak.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
HILL OF BANCHORY	01330 826256 hillofbanchory.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					

PRIVATE NURSERIES

CORNER HOUSE NURSERY BANCHORY (FORMALLY KNOWN AS CELTIC CROSS)	01330 824744 cornerhouse@thrivechildcare.com					
WOODLANDS NURSERY BANCHORY	01330 823432 info@woodlandsnurseryltd.co.uk					

BANFF CLUSTER

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SCHOOLS

ABERCHIRDER	01466 405920 aberchirder.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk		T.T	T.T	T.T	
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PLAYGROUPS

BANFF PLAYGROUP	07542 177122 banffplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk					
GARDENSTOWN (GAMRIE) PLAY-SCHOOL	01261 851917 gardenstownplayschoolstaff@gmail.com					

ELLON CLUSTER

SETTING NAME	Phone / Email	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	Option 5
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SCHOOLS

AUCHTEREL LON	01358 281095 auchterellon.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
BALMEDIE	01358 281105 balmedie.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
ELLON	01358 281090 ellon.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
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VICKI NOBLE	07547 374771 noble_vi@sky.com					
ZOE SADLER	07515 371661 zoelson@me.com					

PLAYGROUPS

AUCHNAGATT & DISITRICT PRE SCHOOL (ALSO IN MINTLAW)	07914 667691 manager@adpc.org.uk					
GORDON PARK EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE	01358 722234 gordonparkelcc@outlook.com					
HATTON PLAYGROUP	07929 919446 hattonplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk					
NEWBURGH PRE SCHOOL	01358 789461 newburgh.preschool@yahoo.com					

PRIVATE NURSERIES

BANANA MOON BRIDGE OF DON	01224 824851 info@bananamoon-bridgeofdon.co.uk					
BANBURY CROSS NURSERY (BRIDGE OF DON)	01224 702300 info@banburycrossltd.co.uk					

LINKS NURSERY (BALMEDIE)	01358 743094 manager@linksnurserybalmedie.co.uk					
STEPPINGSTONES NURSERY (ELLON)	01358 724343 ellon.steppingstones@yahoo.com					

FRASERBURGH CLUSTER

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SCHOOLS

CRIMOND	01346 415865 crimond.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk		T.T	T.T	T.T	
FRASERBURGH NORTH	01346 415830 fraserburgh_north.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
FRASERBURGH SOUTH	01346 415850 southpark.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
INVERALLOCHY	01346 415880 inverallochy.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk		T.T	T.T	T.T	
LOCHPOTS	01346 415825 lochpots.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
ROSEHEARTY	01346 415875 rosehearty.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk		T.T	T.T	T.T	
SANDHAVEN	01346 415835 sandhaven.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
ST ANDREWS	01346 415845					

	standrews.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
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CHILDMINDERS

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PLAYGROUPS

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PRIVATE NURSERIES

KIDDIWINKS NURSERY LTD	01346 510600 kiddiwinks07@aol.com					
NESCOL – FLEXIBLE CHILDCARE	01346 511617 kim.whyte@fcss.org.uk					
J-LOs EARLY YEARS	01346 511334 JLOs.earlyyears@outlook.com					
PLAYBARN	01346 512590 playbarn@hotmail.co.uk					

HUNTLY CLUSTER

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SCHOOLS

DRUMBLADE	01466 405965 drumblade.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
GLASS	01466 405935 glass.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
GORDON SCHOOLS	01466 405910 gordon.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
INSCH	01464 635110 insch.sch@aberdeenshire.gov.uk					
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PRIVATE NURSERIES

ANNIES NURSERY INSCH	01464 820517 info@anniesnursery.co.uk					
DREAMS DAY CARE INSCH	01464 821155 dreamsinsch@outlook.com					
THE KINDERGARTEN HUNTLY	01466 794525 thekindergarten-huntly@hotmail.co.uk					

INVERURIE CLUSTER

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PETERHEAD CLUSTER

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SCHOOLS

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PRIDE N JOY NURSERY	01779 481652					

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PORTLETHEN CLUSTER

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