Early Learning & Childcare in Midlothian

Local Authority Nursery Schools
Mayfield Nursery School, Dalkeith 0131 660 2485
Mount Esk Nursery School, Bonnyrigg 0131 663 2364

Primary Schools with Nursery Classes
Bonnyrigg Primary School, Bonnyrigg 0131 271 4570
Bumbray Primary School, Bonnyrigg 0131 271 4585
Combabie St James Primary School, Penicuik 0131 271 4575
Cuben Primary School, Penicuik 0131 271 4585
Danderhall Primary School, Danderhall 0131 271 4585
Gorebridge Primary School, Gorebridge 0131 271 4585
King’s Park Primary School, Dalkeith 0131 271 4610
Lasswade Primary School, Bonnyrigg 0131 271 4615
Lawfield Primary School, Mayfield 0131 271 4620
Loanhead Primary School, Loanhead 0131 271 4625
Mauricewood Primary School, Penicuik 0131 271 4630
Moortown Primary School, North Middleton 0131 271 4640
Newtongrange Primary School, Newtongrange 0131 271 4645
Paradigms Primary School, Loanhead 0131 271 4650
Rosewell Primary School, Rosewell 0131 440 2233
Roslin, Roslin and Blinton Anneals, Blinton 0131 271 4660
Sacred Heart Primary School, Penicuik 0131 271 4665
St Andrew’s Primary School, Gorebridge 0131 271 4670
St Mary’s Primary School, Bonnyrigg 0131 271 4680
Stalhild Primary School, Gorebridge 0131 271 4685
Strathesk Primary School, Penicuik 0131 271 4690
Tynemuir Primary School, Pathhead 0131 271 4700
Woodburn Primary School, Dalkeith 0131 271 4710

Partnership Centres
Abacus Nursery, Eskbank 0131 660 4567
Chapter One Childcare, Shawfair 0131 654 0186
Clover County Nursery, Pathhead 01385 833370
Cranston Country Nursery, Cranston 01875 821370
Forest Friends Nursery, Roslin 0131 440 4902
Happy Days Nursery, Dalkeith 0131 663 4280
Hawthorn Children & Families Centre, Mayfield 0131 271 3116
Little Hawthorn, Bonnyrigg 0131 271 3200
Little Hawthorn Nursery, Loanhead 0131 440 3078
Milton Bridge Nursery, Penicuik 01968 679285
Newbattle Pre-School Nursery, Newtongrange 0131 663 6355
Pincocchio’s Children’s Nursery, Eskbank 0131 663 0070
Pincocchio’s Children’s Nursery, Lasswade 0131 654 3014
Pincocchio’s Children’s Nursery, Penicuik 01968 679307
Temple Nursery & Playgroup, Temple 01875 830560
Wicklitz Nursery, Newtongrange 0131 660 0077

Translations and other formats
If you know of anyone who may require the information in this leaflet in another language or format please contact the information-line number and every effort will be made to accommodate the request.

Midlothian Childcare Information Service (ChIS)

ChIS provides information for parents and carers on early learning & childcare service in Midlothian for children 0-16 years, including:
- Childminders
- Local Authority, private and community nurseries
- Playgroups
- Out of School Care – after school clubs, breakfast clubs and holiday care
- Early learning & childcare
- Parent & toddler groups
- Childcare for children with additional support needs
Tel: 0131 271 3754
Email: childcare@midlothian.gov.uk
Or visit: www.midlothian.gov.uk/childcare

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www.scottishfamilies.gov.uk
Enrolling your Child

When your child reaches the age of two, you should take their birth certificate to your preferred early learning & childcare centre. There you register using your nursery admissions system (NAMS). You will be asked to list your first, second and third choice of centre and offers of places will be sent out the term before your child is eligible to start.

Your choice of nursery will not affect the primary school your child moves on to as nursery schools and classes do not have catchment areas. Parents should be aware that the 600 hours of early learning and childcare entitlement you will be charged for this. You should therefore discuss this with the centre before accepting a place.

Equal Opportunities

All children will have equal access to the curriculum. Your child will be able to take part in activities which help to recognise the cultural diversity of the world we live in. The Curriculum for Excellence supports all children to become: Successful Learners, Confident Individuals, Responsible Citizens and Effective Contributors.

Early Learning & Childcare staff will watch your child at play, listen and talk to them so that they can plan how best to develop your child’s learning. From their daily observations they will build up a record or profile of your child’s progress. This might include:

- Examples of your child’s work
- Photographs
- Comments on your child’s strengths and interests

You might be eligible for a place at a local authority nursery in another Council but you may be placed at the end of the waiting list. If you want to use a partnership centre in another local authority, you should find out if your chosen centre is in partnership with the authority. If they are, this will be stated on the application form. If you request payment may be arranged by that council and application should be made through the partnership centre.

Moving on to Primary School

The curriculum in primary schools will build on what your child has learned before starting school. There are close links between early learning & childcare centres and primary schools to ensure your child can make a smooth transition to primary school. In all of the centres, a profile is kept on your child’s progress and this is passed on to primary schools to ensure your child can make a smooth transition to primary school.

Support Needs

If your child has additional support needs, careful observation and assessment by staff will help in finding out the different ways in which your child learns successfully, and in identifying particular needs. Advice and expertise may be available from other agencies.

Deferred Entry to Primary

Should parents wish to consider a deferred entry to primary they should discuss this with the early learning and childcare staff at the centre where your child attends and take part in the application process with centre staff.

Additional Hours

If you are using a partnership centre and want more than your free early learning and childcare entitlement you will be charged for this. You should therefore discuss this with the centre before accepting a place.

Quality of Early Learning & Childcare in Midlothian

Midlothian Council aims to ensure early learning & childcare is of the highest quality in all its nursery schools, classes, and partnership centres.

All of the schools, classes and centres are approved by Midlothian Council for the delivery of the Curriculum for Excellence. When Inspectors from The Scottish Care Inspectorate or Education Scotland inspect your child’s centre, a copy of the report will be made available.

All early learning & childcare centres are encouraged to organise regular staff training. Partnership centres receive support from Midlothian Council early years teachers to support the centre to maintain and develop the quality of their work. All centre self evaluate and improve their work using ‘Child at the Centre 2’ and the Care Standards.

National Early Learning & Childcare Staff Training

Midlothian Council offers free part-time early learning & childcare (formally called pre-school Education) to all children before they begin primary school. This is usually available from the term after their third birthday, depending on their date of birth. Dates when children can start are available from the information line advertised in this leaflet. Children can have up to five part-time sessions a week. The maximum of two centres. These places are funded by the Government. Places can be taken in a local authority nursery or in an approved partnership centre. Your first choice may not always be guaranteed but a place will be available for your child as long as you are resident in Midlothian and your child is of eligible age. Children with additional support needs may be given priority.

Partnership Centres

At the back of this leaflet you will find a list of centres that deliver early learning & childcare. These include local authority nursery schools and classes as well as partnership centres. Partnership centres are registered to provide early learning & childcare by Midlothian Council and are inspected by the Scottish Care Inspectorate and Education Scotland.

You should discuss payment of fees with partnership centres prior to accessing a place. Parents should be aware that the 600 hours of early learning and childcare are free at the point of delivery.

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