



Other Provision

There is one Children and Families Centre in Midlothian which is managed by the Children and Families Service and offers day care places for vulnerable children between 0-5 years old. To find out more about Hawthorn Children & Families Centre and how referrals can be made, contact the Centre on 0131 271 3116 or contact the Dalkeith Social Work Centre on 0131 271 3860.

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



Local Authority Nursery Schools

Mayfield, Nursery School, Dalkeith
Mount Esk, Nursery School, Bonnyrigg

0131 660 2485
0131 663 2364

Primary Schools with Nursery Classes

Bonnyrigg Primary School, Bonnyrigg
Burnbrae Primary School, Bonnyrigg
Cornbank St James Primary School, Penicuik
Cuiken Primary School, Penicuik
Danderhall Primary School, Danderhall
Gorebridge Primary School, Gorebridge
King's Park Primary School, Dalkeith
Lasswade Primary School, Bonnyrigg
Lawfield Primary School, Mayfield
Loanhead Primary School, Loanhead
Mauricewood Primary School, Penicuik
Moorfoot Primary School, North Middleton
Newtongrange Primary School, Newtongrange
Paradykes Primary School, Loanhead
Rosewell Primary School, Rosewell
Roslin, Roslin and Bilston Annexe, Bilston
Sacred Heart Primary School, Penicuik
St Andrew's Primary School, Gorebridge
St Mary's Primary School, Bonnyrigg
Stobhill Primary School, Gorebridge
Strathesk Primary School, Penicuik
Tynewater Primary School, Pathhead
Woodburn Primary School, Dalkeith

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0131 271 4625
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0131 271 4715

Partnership Centres

Abacus Nursery, Eskbank
Chapter One Childcare, Shawfair
Clover Country Nursery, Pathhead
Cranston Country Nursery, Cranston
Forest Friends Nursery, Roslin
Happy Days Nursery, Dalkeith
Hawthorn Children & Families Centre, Mayfield
Little Hawthorn, Bonnyrigg
Little Hawthorn Nursery, Loanhead
Milton Bridge Nursery, Penicuik
Newbattle Pre-School Nursery, Newtongrange
Pinocchio's Children's Nursery, Eskbank
Pinocchio's Children's Nursery, Lasswade
Pinocchio's Children's Nursery, Penicuik
Temple Nursery & Playgroup, Temple
Wizkidz Nursery, Newtongrange

0131 660 4567
0131 654 0186
01875 833375
01875 321370
0131 440 4900
0131 663 4280
0131 271 3116
0131 261 6260
0131 440 3057
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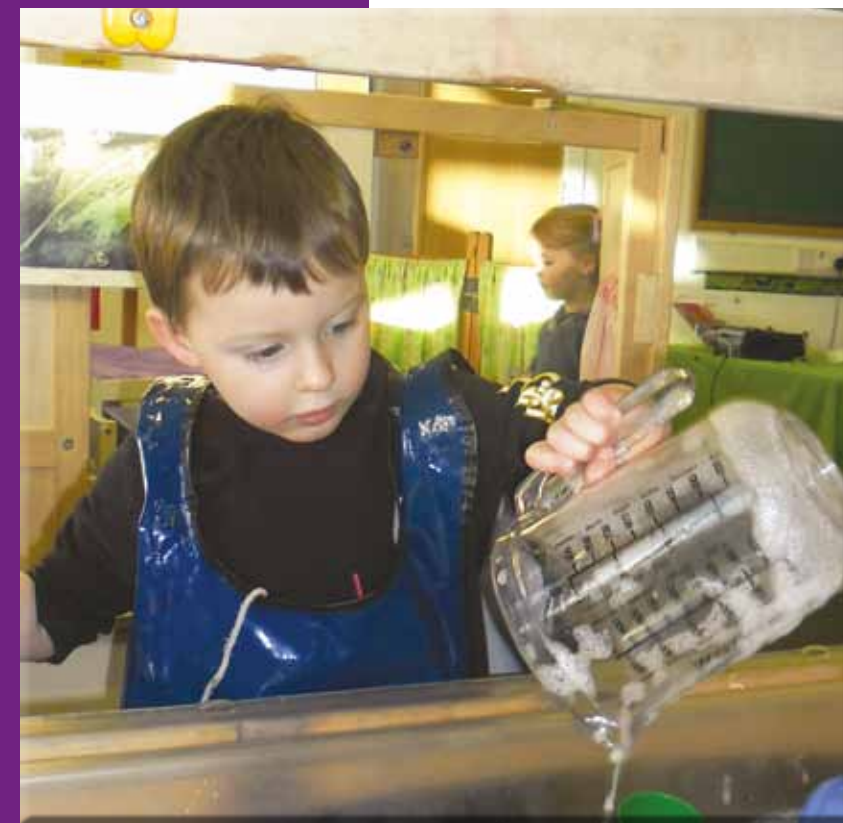
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Early Learning & Childcare in Midlothian

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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 in a 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.

Enrolling your Child

When your child reaches the age of two, you should take their birth certificate to your preferred early learning and childcare centre. There you register using our 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 a placement within a nursery class does not automatically entitle your child to a place in the primary school.

If you wish to enrol with a partnership centre you should contact them and they will provide you with detailed information about placements. If you are already using a partnership centre, then you should let the centre staff know that you want a funded place with them.



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 their child attends and take part in the application process with centre staff.



Children with Additional 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.

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.

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.

Finding out about your child's progress

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



- Suggestions on what they need to learn next
- This profile will be discussed with you on a regular basis.

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.

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 their primary school, after discussion with you. Some centres also arrange visits for children before they move on to primary school.

Nursery/Centres Outwith Midlothian

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, then payment may be arranged by that council and application should be made through the partnership centre.

