

# A Guide to Pre-School Education

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## A guide to pre-school education in Perth and Kinross

Pre-school education is an important stage in a child's development and helps children to learn as they play. A good quality pre-school experience builds on the valuable learning that takes place in and around the home, before children start primary school. It also develops the learning and other essential skills that they will rely on in later life.

There are currently 47 nursery classes based in primary schools, which offer morning or afternoon sessions. A number of full-time nursery places within local authority managed nurseries are also available to eligible children on a Council-wide basis. All full-time nursery places are allocated on a Support for Children and Families basis and further information is available on page 9. Nursery classes in Inch View, Luncarty and St Dominic's primary schools offer additional children provision to pre-school children. Separate guidance on all aspects of childcare provision within Perth and Kinross is available from the Childcare Information Service (details on page 11).

In addition to local authority managed nurseries, Education & Children's Services is currently in partnership with 35 partner provider centres which provide quality pre-school places within the private, voluntary and independent sector.

A full list of both local authority managed schools and classes, and partner provider centres is given at the end of this booklet.

This booklet is intended to help you and your child get the most out of the pre-school experience by answering the most frequently asked questions we receive. Throughout this document, the word 'parent' should be read as including the child's legal guardian. Full details of the Council's policy on pre-school education are contained in the Policy & Guidelines for Admission to Nursery Schools and Classes available from all schools.

## Does my child need to start primary school this year?

Parents of children who will be five years old **before** the start of the school session in August have a duty to educate their child at primary school or make other arrangements for their education.

Parents of children who will be five years old **between** the start of the school session in August and the end of February can choose when their child begins primary school. Parents may send their children to primary school in August or delay entry to the following August. It is usually expected that children move on to primary school where their needs will be met through learning activities that suit them.

Parents of children who will be five years old between the start of the school session in August and the end of December who consider that their child may benefit from a further year of pre-school education should discuss this with the headteacher or partner provider. A referral for a deferred entry place can then be made. The Council's Priority Admissions Panel will make decisions on an individual basis.

Children who will be five years old between January and the last day of February are entitled to an additional year of funded pre-school education if their parents decide to delay their entry to primary school.

Further information on delayed or deferred entry is available from all schools.

## Does my child have to attend pre-school education?

No, it's for parents to decide whether they want their child to attend pre-school. However, it is thought that a quality pre-school experience can bring many benefits, including a smoother move into primary school as well as a better chance for success in learning.

## When is my child eligible for a funded pre-school place?

All children are eligible for a funded, part-time pre-school place 'in the term after their third birthday'. The following table shows the dates that children are entitled to apply for a pre-school education place in School Session 2012-2013:

Children born between:	Eligible to start nursery on:
1 March 2008 and 31 August 2009	Start of school session (August 2012)
1 September 2009 and 31 October 2009*	Week beginning 5 November 2012
1 November 2009 and 31 December 2009	After Christmas break (January 2013)
1 January 2010 and 28 February 2010	After Easter break (April 2013)

*\* It should be noted that children who become 3 years old between September and October are entitled to access a nursery place in a local authority managed school week beginning 5 November 2012, provided no additional staffing resources are required.*

In addition to the above, parents of children who will be five years old between the start of the school session in August and the end of February can choose whether to defer their child start at primary school or apply for an additional year of pre-school education. Parents may send their children to primary school in August or delay entry to the following August. Further information on the options available to parents is outlined on page 5 of this booklet.

The cut-off date for eligible children accessing a pre-school education place in School Session 2012-2013 is **28 February 2013**. Children who will be three years old after this date will not be eligible for a pre-school funded place until the start of the next school session (August 2013).

## Can I apply to a private or independent nursery or playgroup for my child's pre-school education place?

Education & Children's Services is currently in partnership with 35 partner provider centres which provide quality pre-school places within the private, voluntary and independent sector. Contact details for partner provider centres are listed at the back of this booklet.

If you decide to take up your child's part-time pre-school education place in a partner provider centre you will be able to receive a refund of all or part of your fees once your child is eligible - usually the term after his/her third birthday.

Funding for the place is provided by the Scottish Government and is paid directly by the Council to the partner provider centre on a termly basis. A refund or a reduction in fees is then made - the partner provider will explain this in more detail.

Usually you will be offered five morning or five afternoon sessions per week. However, it may be possible for your child to receive pre-school provision in a different way and this should be discussed with the individual centre. Pre-school provision is available for a maximum of 5 and a minimum of 3 half-day sessions per week. Some partner provider centres can offer additional hours for childcare purposes and you should talk to them directly about this.

## Where and when do I apply for a pre-school place?

This Council is aware that families have a variety of different needs and preferences and therefore you can apply to either a local authority managed nursery or a partner provider centre for your child's funded pre-school place.

In early February of each year an advert is placed in the local press informing parents of the dates to apply for a pre-school education

place within local authority managed schools and classes. Application for a place at these nurseries takes place in February each year. Application forms are completed directly at the school. Your child's birth certificate and proof of child's address should be taken along when you apply.

Not all local authority managed schools have a nursery class. Each nursery provision will have a defined 'locality' - which may not be the same as the school catchment area. Nursery localities may be made up of one or more individual school catchment areas. A full list of local authority managed nurseries and partner provider centres appears at the end of this booklet. The list also shows what these localities are. A place in a nursery class does not give children priority in gaining a place in the same school when enrolling for Primary 1.

Partner provider centres will establish their own application process as well as priority categories and details can be obtained by contacting the individual centres.

Dates for registration at partner provider centres may vary and it is advisable to check with the individual centre for details of their registration dates.

## **Can I apply to more than one centre for a pre-school place?**

Yes, you can apply for a place at more than one pre-school centre. A place will, however, only be allocated and funded in one centre, whether local authority or partner provider. Local authority managed schools and classes will send out a letter to parents, usually in April/May, advising that a place has been allocated for their child. Parents should then inform all other centres to which they have applied so that the child's name can be taken off their lists.

In May/June parents and children will be invited along to the nursery to enrol. This will give parents the opportunity to discuss any concerns with the nursery staff.

Places within partner provider centres are allocated in accordance with the centre's Admissions Policy and a copy can be obtained from the individual centre.

## Are there any full-time places available?

Yes, a number of full-time nursery places are available to eligible children within local authority managed nurseries.

All full-time places are allocated on a Council-wide basis and are available for children in need.

Referrals for these places should be made to the Council on the basis of educational or social need by headteachers and/or other relevant agencies. *(Please see Policy and Guidelines for Admission to Nursery Schools and Classes for further information).*

## How are pre-school places allocated?

Places at local authority managed nurseries are allocated on a priority basis relating to the age of the child and place of residence.

Please see the Policy and Guidelines for Admission to Nursery Schools and Classes for further information for the school session starting in August 2012.

Places within partner provider centres are allocated in accordance with the centre's Admissions Policy, a copy of which can be obtained from the individual centre.

## **Does my child need to be toilet trained before he/she can start nursery?**

No, this is not a requirement but it would help staff greatly if your child was toilet trained. As initial registration is in February and enrolment in May/June, your child may not be toilet trained at this time. However, it is quite possible that by the start of the school session in August they will be, so do not worry about this at registration or enrolment. If there is a medical reason for your child not being toilet trained please feel free to discuss this with the staff at your chosen nursery. Nurseries will be equipped for changing children and parents will be informed if their child needs to be changed. If you have any concerns about younger children starting nursery after their third birthday you should discuss this with the nursery staff.

## **Can my child attend a pre-school centre in another authority?**

Perth & Kinross Council has funding arrangements with other Councils. This means that parents may send their children to pre-school centres outside Perth and Kinross and still qualify for a funded pre-school education place.

You will need to check with the relevant local authority regarding the availability of places and funding arrangements.

## **How do I find out more about pre-school education for my child?**

A full list of local authority managed nurseries and partner provider centres appears at the end of this booklet. The headteacher of each nursery school and class will be happy to discuss any matters in relation to their own centre with you.

Further information on pre-school education can be obtained from the Schools Division within Education & Children's Services:

**Tel 01738 476343**

**Email [nursery-educ@pkc.gov.uk](mailto:nursery-educ@pkc.gov.uk)**

In addition our Childcare Information Service can offer information on education together with a full range of childcare services within Perth and Kinross:

**Tel 0845 601 4477**

**Email [childcare@perthgrammar.pkc.sch.uk](mailto:childcare@perthgrammar.pkc.sch.uk)**

The Council also offers a Pre-School Home Visiting Service providing educational support to pre-school children with additional support needs, to their families and to pre-school establishments and agencies. The Pre-School Home Visiting teachers can be contacted on the following telephone number:

**Tel 01738 472372**

All providers of government funded pre-school education for three and four year olds are currently inspected by Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (known as the Care Inspectorate), and Her Majesty's Inspectorate (HMI), part of Education Scotland. The staff follow national guidelines for the education of children aged 3-5 years that encourage learning through play and the service must meet standards laid down by HMI.

## Nursery Schools and Classes for School Session 2012-2013

Please contact any of the following Local Authority managed nursery classes directly for details of their provision or for further information on pre-school places. The overall capacity of places in nursery schools and classes is under review. Any changes to the number of places available will be notified to schools in due course.

Each nursery provision will have a defined locality that may not be the same as the primary school catchment area. Localities are agreed and registered with the Schools Division within Education & Children's Services. All nurseries managed by Education & Children's Services are non-denominational. A place in a nursery class does not give children priority in gaining a place in the same school when enrolling for Primary 1.

Local Authority Nursery Schools	Telephone Number	Nursery Localities
<b>Crieff Road Pre-School Centre</b> McCallum Court, Fairfield, Perth	<b>01738 633054</b>	Perth and Kinross area for Support for Children & Families for full-time and part-time places as well as 2/3 year old places
<b>Inch View Primary &amp; Nursery</b> Glenearn Road, Perth	<b>01738 472450</b>	Perth and Kinross area for Support for Children & Families for full-time and part-time places

Local Authority Nursery Schools	Telephone Number	Nursery Localities
<b>Abernethy Primary School</b> 78 Main Street, Abernethy	<b>01738 850313</b>	Abernethy
<b>Alyth Primary School</b> Albert Square, Alyth	<b>01250 871370</b>	Alyth, Meigle
<b>Arngask Primary School</b> Main Street, Glenfarg	<b>01577 867250</b>	Arngask
<b>Auchtergaven Primary School</b> Prieston Road, Bankfoot	<b>01738 787227</b>	Auchtergaven
<b>Balbeggie Primary School</b> Main Street, Balbeggie	<b>01738 454490</b>	Balbeggie, Collace, Guildtown
<b>Balhousie Primary School</b> Dunkeld Road, Perth	<b>01738 472222</b>	Balhousie, St Ninians
<b>Blair Atholl Primary School</b> St Adamnan Road, Bridge of Tilt, Pitlochry	<b>01796 481210</b>	Blair Atholl
<b>Braco Primary School</b> Braco, Dunblane	<b>01786 880225</b>	Braco, Greenloaning
<b>Breadalbane Academy*</b> Breadalbane Community Campus Crieff Road, Aberfeldy	<b>01887 822300</b>	Breadalbane Primary, Grandtully, Kenmore

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<b>Local Authority Nursery Schools</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Nursery Localities</b>
<b>Community School of Auchterarder (Primary)*</b> New School Lane, Auchterarder	<b>01764 662182</b>	Auchterarder Primary, Dunning, Blackford, Aberuthven
<b>Comrie Primary School</b> School Road, Comrie	<b>01764 661450</b>	Comrie, St Fillans
<b>Coupar Angus Primary School</b> School Lane, Coupar Angus	<b>01250 871400</b>	Coupar Angus, Burrelton, Kettins
<b>Craigie Primary School</b> Abbot Street, Perth	<b>01738 472300</b>	Craigie
<b>Crieff Primary School*</b> Commissioner Street, Crieff	<b>01764 657888</b>	Crieff, Muthill, Madderty
<b>Dunbarney Primary School</b> Manse Road, Bridge of Earn	<b>01738 812213</b>	Dunbarney, Forgandenny, Forteviot
<b>Errol Primary School*</b> Station Road, Errol	<b>01821 641200</b>	Errol
<b>Fairview School</b> Oakbank Crescent, Perth	<b>01738 473050</b>	Perth and Kinross area
<b>Fossoway Primary School</b> Drum, Kinross	<b>01577 867340</b>	Fossoway, Blairingone, Cleish

<b>Local Authority Nursery Schools</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Nursery Localities</b>
<b>Glenlyon Primary School</b> Glenlyon	<b>01887 866223</b>	Glenlyon
<b>Goodlyburn Primary School*</b> Crieff Road, Perth	<b>01738 454230</b>	Goodlyburn, Pitcairn
<b>Inchture Primary School</b> Inchture	<b>01738 454466</b>	Inchture, Abernyste
<b>Invergowrie Primary School</b> 4 Errol Road, Invergowrie	<b>01382 454251</b>	Invergowrie
<b>Kinloch Rannoch Primary School</b> Kinloch Rannoch, by Pitlochry	<b>01882 632358</b>	Kinloch Rannoch
<b>Kinross Primary School</b> Station Road, Kinross	<b>01577 867272</b>	Kinross
<b>Kirkmichael Primary School</b> Kirkmichael, Blairgowrie	<b>01250 871929</b>	Kirkmichael, Straloch
<b>Letham Primary School*</b> Struan Road, Perth	<b>01738 477550</b>	Letham
<b>Longforgan Primary School</b> Main Street, Longforgan	<b>01382 360310</b>	Longforgan
<b>Luncarty Primary School</b> Marshall Road, Luncarty	<b>01738 828323</b>	Luncarty

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Local Authority Nursery Schools	Telephone Number	Nursery Localities
<b>Milnathort Primary School</b> Bridgefauld Road, Milnathort	<b>01577 867260</b>	Arngask, Milnathort, Portmoak
<b>Moncreiffe Primary School</b> Gleneagles Road, Perth	<b>01738 472333</b>	Moncreiffe
<b>Murthly Primary School</b> Murthly	<b>01738 710386</b>	Murthly
<b>Newhill Primary School*</b> Elm Drive, Blairgowrie	<b>01250 871941</b>	Newhill, St Stephen's
<b>North Muirton Primary School*</b> Uist Place, Perth	<b>01738 472870</b>	North Muirton
<b>Oakbank Primary School</b> Viewlands Road West, Perth	<b>01738 477577</b>	Viewlands, Oakbank
<b>Our Lady's RC Primary School*</b> Garth Avenue, Perth	<b>01738 477570</b>	Our Lady's
<b>Pitlochry High School*</b> Pitlochry	<b>01796 474666</b>	Pitlochry Primary, Logierait, Struan, Straloch
<b>Ratray Primary School*</b> Ratray, Blairgowrie	<b>01250 872389</b>	Ratray, Strone of Cally

<b>Local Authority Nursery Schools</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>	<b>Nursery Localities</b>
<b>Robert Douglas Memorial School</b> Spoutwells Road, Scone	<b>01738 454455</b>	Robert Douglas Memorial
<b>Royal School of Dunkeld</b> Dunkeld	<b>01738 454470</b>	Royal School of Dunkeld, Glendelvine
<b>St Dominic's RC Primary School</b> Broich Road, Crieff	<b>01764 657800</b>	St Dominic's
<b>St John's RC Academy (Primary)*</b> North Inch Community Campus, Gowans Terrace, Perth	<b>01738 454300</b>	St John's, Kinnoull
<b>St Madoes Primary School</b> St Madoes, Glencarse	<b>01738 860332</b>	St Madoes
<b>Stanley Primary School</b> Stanley, Perth	<b>01738 828283</b>	Stanley, Logiealmond
<b>Tulloch Primary School</b> Gillespie Place, Perth	<b>01738 472323</b>	Tulloch, Methven, Ruthvenfield, Pitcairn
<b>Viewlands Primary School</b> Oakbank Crescent, Perth	<b>01738 473080</b>	Viewlands, Oakbank

*\*Up to 8 full-time nursery places are available at these schools - all full-time nursery places are allocated through the Support for Children & Families process and are available on a Council-wide basis.*

**Partner Provider Centres as at January 2012**

Please contact any of the following partnership centres directly for details of their provision or for further information on pre-school commissioned places.

<b>Perth</b>	
ABC Day Nursery 12 Rose Terrace, PERTH PH1 5HA	01738 623291
Bridge of Earn Playgroup The Institute, Station Road, Bridge of Earn, PERTH PH2 9EA	07985 300055
Craigclowan Preparatory School Pre-School, Edinburgh Road, PERTH PH2 8PS	01738 626310
Craigie Park Nursery Craigie Park, Craigie Road, PERTH PH2 0BQ	01738 626110
Crossroads Nursery Main Street, Inchtute, PERTH PH14 9RN	01828 686808
Dunning Stepping Stones The Old School House, Newton of Pitcairns, Dunning, PERTH PH2 0SL	07850 988150
Four Seasons Nursery 4 West Mains Avenue, PERTH PH1 1QZ	01738 634342
Honeypot Nursery Almondbank Unit 17, Lochty, Almondbank, PERTH PH1 3ND	01738 583800
Honeypot Nursery Luncarty Unit 6, Home Farm, Marshall Way, Luncarty, PERTH PH1 3UX	01738 827676
Honeypot Nursery Scone 101 Perth Road, Scone, PERTH PH2 6JL	01738 551122
Honeypot Nursery SSE Grampian House, 200 Dunkeld Road, PERTH PH1 3AQ	01738 624907

<b>Perth (continued)</b>	
Humpty Dumpty Playgroup Scone Public Hall, Queens Road, Scone, PERTH PH2 6QJ	01738 553089 (am) 01738 553263 (pm)
Kilgraston Nursery Kilgraston School, Bridge of Earn, PERTH PH2 9BQ	01738 812257
The Kindergarten Main Street, Methven, PERTH PH1 3PX	01738 840252
Kinnoull Church Nursery Kinnoull Church Hall, Dundee Road, PERTH PH2 7EY	01738 441477
Little Steps Nursery Garrybank, Bankfoot, PERTH PH1 4DX	01738 788188
Methven Under 5's Methven Primary School, Main Street, Methven, PERTH PH1 3PX	07926 362777
Muirton Community Nursery Children's Play Centre, Gowans Terrace, PERTH PH1 5AX	01738 625933
Paddington's Children's Nursery 4 Kings Place, PERTH PH2 8AA	01738 444686
Paint Pots Nursery 7 Strathview Terrace, PERTH PH2 7HY	07866 387229
Perth College Nursery Perth College, Crieff Road, PERTH PH1 2NX	01738 877376
Pitcairn Under 5s The Old School House, Pitcairngreen, PERTH PH1 3LR	01738 639690
The Wendy House Day Nursery 51 Muirend Road, PERTH PH1 1JD	01738 632885

### Auchterarder

Cheeky Monkeys Nursery Abbey Road, AUCHTERARDER PH3 1DN	01764 664500
Doodlebugs Day Nursery Wilson House, Main Street, Aberuthven, AUCHTERARDER PH3 1HE	01764 662266
Whistlebrae Nature Kindergarten Feddal Lodge, Feddal, Braco, DUNBLANE FK15 9RA	01786 880714

### Blairgowrie

Cornerstones Montessori Nursery Loonbrae House, Ashgrove Road, Rattray, BLAIRGOWRIE PH10 7BS	01250 876165
Cedar Park Nursery The Belmont Centre, Meigle, BLAIRGOWRIE PH12 8TG	01828 640076
Netherton Montessori Nursery School Netherton, Alyth, BLAIRGOWRIE PH11 8LT	01828 640722

### Crieff

Auchlone Nature Kindergarten Abercairney, CRIEFF PH7 3NQ	01764 683656
Morrison's Academy Nursery 25 Victoria Terrace, CRIEFF PH7 4AA	01764 652258
Muthill Pre-School Group The Coach House, Pitkellony, Muthill, CRIEFF PH5 2AA	01764 681281
Teddy Bear Care Nursery Water Wynd, off Millar Street, CRIEFF PH7 3AH	01764 653399

**Kinross**

Fossoway Pre-School Group  
Glenbank Cottage, Powmill, KINROSS  
FK14 7NH

07703 177766

Rosemount Nursery  
55 High Street, KINROSS KY13 8AA

01577 864408





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