

Early Learning and Childcare for 2 year olds is currently available in the following nurseries:

- Alyth Primary School*
- Balhousie Primary School, Perth
- Breadalbane Academy (Primary), Aberfeldy
- Community School of Auchterarder (Primary)
- Coupar Angus Primary School
- City of Perth Early Childhood Centre
- Crieff Primary School
- Errol Primary School
- Goodlyburn Primary School, Perth
- Inchtute Primary School
- Inch View Primary School, Perth
- Kinross Primary School
- Letham Primary School, Perth
- Methven Primary School
- Milnathort Primary School
- Newhill Primary School, Blairgowrie
- North Muirton Primary School, Perth
- Oakbank Primary School, Perth*
- Pitlochry High School (Primary)
- Rattray Primary School
- St Dominic's RC Primary School, Crieff
- St John's RC Academy (Primary), Perth
- Stanley Primary School
- Tulloch Primary School, Perth*

Partner Providers:

- Honeypot Nursery, Scone
- Humpty Dumpty Community Nursery, Scone
- Little Steps, Bankfoot



* New setting

Throughout this guidance, the word 'parent' should be interpreted as including the child's carer or legal guardian.

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You can also send us a text message on 07824 498145.

All Council Services can offer a telephone translation facility.

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Perth & Kinross Council has a number of places offering Early Learning and Childcare to children who are 2 years of age. These are available to eligible 2 year olds who meet the criteria as set down by the Scottish Government.

Early Learning and Childcare: Strong Starts – For eligible 2 year olds 2018–19



Guidance for Parents

This guidance is an appendix to the document 'Perth and Kinross Policy and Guidelines for Admission to Nursery Schools and Classes 2018-19'.



Early Learning and Childcare – Strong Starts

In session 2018-19, a number of local authority nurseries will offer Early Learning and Childcare places to children who are 2 years of age. These Strong Start places will be offered to eligible children in line with criteria set down by the Scottish Government.

What is available?

Strong Start places are 600 hours of free Early Learning and Childcare which will be delivered through a maximum of 5 sessions in a variety of ways across the school year. For example in most nurseries, two full day sessions and a half day session could be accessed.

Can I apply for a Strong Start place for my 2 year old child?

If as a parent you are receiving any of the following benefits, then your child may be eligible for a place*:

- *Income Support (IS)*
- *Income-Based Jobseeker's Allowance (IBJSA)*
- *Any income-related element of Employment and Support Allowance*
- *Child Tax Credit (CTC), but not Working Tax Credit, and your income is less than £16,105[^]*
- *Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Working Tax Credit (WTC) and your income is less than £6,420[^]*
- *You may also be eligible if you are an asylum seeker receiving support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999*
- *Universal Credit - where monthly earned income does not exceed £610*
- *Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disablement Allowance*
- *State Pension Credit*

When can my 2 year old child begin nursery?

There are 3 entry dates across the year. Your 2 year old child will become eligible for a place in the term either following their 2nd birthday, or in the term after you begin to receive the qualifying benefit(s):

- **Term 1: August-December 2018**
Children born between 1 March 2016 and 31 August 2016

- **Term 2: January-March 2019**
Children born between 1 September 2016 and 31 December 2016
- **Term 3: April-July 2019**
Children born between 1 January 2017 and 28 February 2017

Note: *Children who become 2 years old between 1 September and 31 October 2018 may access a local authority place during week beginning 29 October 2018, provided no additional staffing resources are required.*

How do I apply?

Application forms are available from any Perth & Kinross Council nursery with 2 year old provision (listed overleaf) or can be downloaded from the internet at www.pkc.gov.uk/strongstart

These should be fully completed and should be handed in to the nursery you wish to apply to along with the following:

- *evidence of the qualifying benefits you receive;*
- *proof of your child's age, (birth certificate); and*
- *proof of your current address, eg recent utility bill or bank statement etc.*

Note: *It may not be possible to offer your child a place in the nursery of your first choice.*

Further information can be found at www.pkc.gov.uk/strongstart or can be provided by contacting:

Education & Children's Services
Perth & Kinross Council
Pullar House
35 Kinnoull Street
PERTH
PH1 5GD

Tel 01738 476200 ● Email ECSSchools@pkc.gov.uk

* *Your 2 year old child may also be eligible from the point that they are looked after, under a Kinship Care Order or with a parent-appointed guardian. Further advice is available from your allocated Social Worker or you should make an enquiry via the contact details above.*

[^] *The income thresholds for CTC and WTC can vary annually.*

