

Leaflet 6: What support is available in Early Years?

The Early Years Inclusion Team act as a first point of contact with parents of pre-school children, with a range of additional support needs. The team also provide support and guidance to Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) establishments to ensure appropriate educational provision. The Early Years Inclusion team will also advise on support for children who are known to the team as the move into primary school in order to ensure an effective transition.

Who provides this support?

The Early Year Inclusion team, comprises Teachers and Early Childhood Practitioners (ECP) who can offer support to you and your child from birth to 5 years of age (end of Primary 1.)

What support can be provided?

- The Partnership Planning Group (0 to 3 years) meets monthly to discuss and co-ordinate support to children who are not yet attending nursery but who have been identified as having medical needs which may impact on their development.
- If your child attends an ELC setting in a PKC primary school or an ELC setting with a formal partnership agreement with PKC (Partner Provider) to deliver funded entitlement the Early Years Inclusion team will observe and assess your child's support needs work in partnership to support your child's needs. (see leaflet 1: Does my child have additional support needs?)

This support can include:

- Home visiting to support play at home
- Pre-school groups at Perth Grammar Community Wing
- ELC setting visits
- Support when starting nursery and Primary 1
- Joint working with ELC staff and other professionals
- Staff training
- Early Bird Parent Programme

If your child's ELC setting is neither a Local Authority setting nor Partner Provider nursery, the Local Authority has a power but not a duty to establish what your child's additional support needs are and what support is required.

How can I ask for help?

- Referral to the Partnership Planning Group (0 to 3 years) should be made by a professional involved with your child
- If your child attends a Local Authority ELC setting or ELC (Partner Provider) setting you should talk to a member of staff
- You can ask your Health visitor to request support from The Early Years Inclusion team
- You can request support directly from the Educational Additional Support Officer (Early Years)

Further information is available from:

- Staff in the school or Early Learning and Childcare(ELC) setting who know your child
- The Inclusion Service in Perth and Kinross Council (ASN@pkc.gov.uk or Customer Service Centre 01738 475000)
- Getting It Right <https://www.gov.scot/policies/girfec/principles-and-values/>
- Enquire Helpline on 0845 123 2303, www.enquire.org.uk or info@enquire.org.uk
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