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Leaflet 7: Transitions (4 Separate Leaflets)

Leaflet 7(a): How will my child be supported into an Early Learning and Childcare (ELC setting?)

When can my child start an ELC setting (previously known as nursery) and what do I need to do?

You are entitled to apply for a funded place in any local authority managed nursery and/or partner provider centre (an ELC setting with a formal partnership agreement with PKC) for children aged 3 to 5 years. There are places for eligible 2 year olds where parents meet certain benefits criteria in a number of local authority nurseries. Further information is available in the [Council website](#).

What happens before my child starts an ELC setting?

- When you have chosen an ELC setting for your child you will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss and plan for their additional support needs before the child starts.
- All professionals involved in supporting your child will also be invited to attend the meeting
- Information will be shared at this meeting to ensure effective transition into their setting
- The Early Years Inclusion Teacher or Early Childhood Practitioner (ECP) will support you and your child throughout transition by working with ELC staff to ensure they gain a full understanding of your child's needs

What happens after my child starts their ELC setting?

- You may be invited to attend 'Stay and Play' sessions to settle your child in their new environment and share your knowledge with the staff
- Your child's support needs will continue to be assessed
- You may be invited to attend another meeting to review the support needed and make sure appropriate planning is in place to support your child

What can I do?

- You should discuss any concerns with the ELC staff and other professionals supporting your child
- You should let staff know of any recent significant changes related to your child

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
- <http://www.scotland-legislation.hmso.gov.uk/legislation/scotland/>
- Other leaflets in this series

Leaflet 7b: How will my child be supported into Primary?

When can my child start Primary school and what do I need to do?

- Your child is of compulsory school age on the first school entry date (The school entry date is the first day of the school session in August.) Your child is of compulsory school age on the first school entry date from their fifth birthday. If your child's birthday falls on or before the last day in February, they may attend school from the previous August, or alternatively, you may delay their registration until the beginning of the next school session from their fifth birthday. If their birthday falls on or before the last day in February, they may attend school from the previous August, or alternatively, you may delay their registration until the beginning of the next school session.
- For further information please contact your catchment School or email: ecsschools@pkc.gov.uk. Or visit the Council's website <http://www.pkc.gov.uk/article/17299/Primary-school-enrolment>

What happens before my child starts school?

- You will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss and plan for your child's additional support needs before they start school
- All professionals involved in supporting your child will also be invited to attend the meeting
- Information will be shared at this meeting to ensure effective transition into school
- The Early Years Inclusion Teacher will support you and your child throughout the transition by making sure any specialist resources necessary are in place. The Early Years Inclusion Teacher will also work with school staff to support their understanding of your child's needs

What happens after my child starts school?

- Your child's needs will continue to be assessed on an ongoing basis by their class teacher.
- You may be invited to attend another meeting to review and make sure appropriate planning is in place to support your child (see leaflet 3: What type of plan might my child need?)

What can I do?

- You should discuss any concerns with the Primary school staff and the professionals supporting your child
- You should let staff know of any recent changes related to your child

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- Staff in the school or Early Learning and Childcare(ELC) setting who know your child
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- <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2009/7/contents>
- Other leaflets in this series

Leaflet 7c: How will my child be supported into Secondary?

When can my child start Secondary school and what do I need to do?

- Your child will automatically be allocated a place in their secondary catchment school. If however you wish your child to attend a school other than their catchment school or you have recently moved into the area, you are required to make a [placing request](#). This can be completed online. Further information is available on the Council website and see leaflet 8: Placing Requests.
- If your child has additional support needs, planning for your child's move to Secondary school may begin in Primary 6.

What happens before my child starts Secondary school?

- Transition programs are in place for all children moving from Primary into Secondary school to become familiar with their new school setting.
- You and your child will be invited to attend a Child's Planning meeting to discuss and plan for your child's move on to Secondary school.
- All professionals involved in supporting your child will also be invited to attend the meeting.
- Once the child's secondary school has been identified or chosen, information will be shared at a Child's Plan meeting to ensure effective transition between the schools
- At this meeting, any extra visits or changes to the Secondary school's usual transition arrangements can be discussed.
- You and your child will be allocated a key contact person in the Secondary school.

What happens after my child starts Secondary school?

- Your child's support needs will continue to be assessed on an ongoing basis
- You and your child will be invited to attend the Child or Young Person's Planning (CYPP) meeting to review the support needed and to make sure that appropriate planning is in place

What can I do?

- You should discuss any concerns with the Secondary school staff and the professionals supporting your child
- You should let staff know of any recent changes related to your child

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Leaflet 7d: How will my child be supported when leaving school?

Secondary schools provide post-school pathways for all young people, which are personalised according to their needs and potential destinations.

What happens before my child leaves secondary school?

- A young person can leave secondary education at an agreed date from the age of 16. There are two scheduled leaving dates for young people: 31st May and 31st December. If young person's date of birth is between 1st March and 30th September, they will be entitled to leave school on 31st May in the year of their 16th birthday. If their date of birth is between 1st October and 28th February they will be entitled to leave school on 31st December.
- Planning for your child leaving Secondary school must begin no later than 12 months before they are expected to leave school.
- You and your child will be invited to attend a Young Person's Planning meeting to discuss and plan for preparing your child for their move from secondary school.
- All relevant professionals involved in supporting your child through the transition period will also be invited to attend the meeting
- When the post-school destination or pathway is agreed, information will be shared at a Young Person's Planning meeting to ensure effective transition. The young person has the right to decide what information is shared.
- At this meeting, any extra transitional arrangements can be discussed.
- If the young person's needs require it, they will be allocated a key contact person who will support them into a positive destination.

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