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Consultations

Changes in Out of School Care/ School Aged Childcare

The Scottish Government have asked that we share the following information about the changes within the School Aged Childcare workforce and services.

“In response to feedback from the school age childcare sector over many years, and evidence gathered as part of our regulatory options feasibility study undertaken in partnership with the Care Inspectorate in 2024/25, we now plan to explore changes to the way in which the sector is defined and regulated.

This includes exploring the potential for amending the definition of “daycare of children” in schedule 12 of the [Public Services Reform \(Scotland\) Act 2010](#) and creating a new, separate definition for “school age childcare”.

The creation of a specific school age childcare service type is a necessary step to support development of regulation which is better suited to the specific needs and circumstances of the school age childcare sector, and to review job roles and qualifications for the workforce. Feedback we have received from the sector indicates that these changes would help services operate more sustainably by attracting a more diverse workforce with a broader skills set whilst ensuring a continued focus on quality of service provision.

We published a formal consultation seeking views on a definition for school age childcare on Friday 20 February 2026. This consultation is available on the [Scottish Government website](#) and the [Scottish Government's consultation portal](#), and will be open until Monday 18 May 2026.

We believe this is an important and positive step towards a proportionate regulatory framework for school age childcare which recognises it as a unique service, with workforce skills and qualifications suited to the delivery of services for school age children. We would greatly appreciate any help you may be able to provide in raising awareness of this consultation and encouraging responses to it to ensure that a wide range of views and experience from across the sector can help to inform the development of our work.

If you have any questions relating to the consultation, please contact the team at sacc_consultation@gov.scot

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Introduction to Leadership and
Tue 24 Feb, 18:30



Emergency First Aid at Work (including
Thu 26 Feb, 09:30



Emergency First Aid at Work (including
Tue 3 Mar, 09:30



Emergency First Aid at Work (including
Thu 5 Mar, 09:30



ELC Induction
Tue 10 Mar, 18:00



Moving and Handling (Full Training)
Wed 11 Mar, 09:00



Emergency First Aid at Work (including
Thu 12 Mar, 09:30



Play on Pedals
Tue 17 Mar, 09:00



Emergency First Aid at Work (including
Tue 17 Mar, 09:30



Introduction to Child Development
Tue 17 Mar, 18:30



Emergency First Aid at Work (including
Thu 19 Mar, 09:30



Outdoor Play and Learning at Westbank ELC
Thu 19 Mar, 15:30



Supporting the Learning and Development of Boys
Wed 25 Mar, 15:30



Child Protection Recognition and
Wed 25 Mar, 18:30



Emergency First Aid at Work (including
Thu 26 Mar, 09:30

Forest Kindergarten Training –

We are delighted to be offering another Forest Kindergarten Training session in partnership with Perth College UHI.

Target Audience: All working in Early Years and Childcare

This qualification is run via learning materials which take a flipped classroom approach followed by an intense 3 day outdoor experience.

Date, Time and Venue:

- Tuesday 3 March 2026 - 4.00pm - 5.00pm - Online induction
- Tuesday 10 March 2026 – 4.00 - 5.00pm - Online preparation for the woodland
- Wednesday 25, Thursday 26 & Friday 27 March 2026 - 9.30am - 3.30pm - Practical woodland
- Tuesday 31 March 2026 - 4.00pm - 5.00pm - Assessment Discussion

Aims and Outcomes:

This qualification meets the needs of practitioners who would like to set up regular off-site visits to a local wood or nearby green space for children in their care. The National Work-based Award in Forest Kindergarten at SCQF level 7 recognises the value of woodlands as an integral part of the learning process for children and covers the knowledge, understanding and skills needed to develop a forest kindergarten.

[Book now](#)

Play on Pedals Training

The next training session takes place on **Tuesday 17 March - 9.15am - 4.15pm at Letham Primary School**. Spaces are still available.

[Book now](#)

Exciting Announcement: Festival of Digital Inclusion – May Inset Day!

Get ready for a full day dedicated to empowering every learner through the power of digital tools!

On the May Inset Day at Bertha Park High School, we're bringing together an incredible lineup of partners (including Promethean, CALL Scotland, DSAS, Lifelink, XMA, Adobe, Kaligo, Safer Schools, SSERC and more) alongside PKC practitioners, to deliver a vibrant day of hands-on, interactive workshops.

Each session is built around our central theme: "Vital for some, valuable for all."

You'll discover how tools like Book Creator, Boardmaker, Microsoft Learning Accelerators, Apple apps and others can transform learning experiences, support ASN needs, and enhance universal classroom practice.

While every school is expected to send their Digital Champion, we strongly encourage any member of education staff from early years right through to secondary, including ASN support staff, to join us for this inspiring event. There is something for everyone!

You'll receive a follow-up form to choose the workshops you'd like to attend at a later date.

Looking forward to seeing you there! Feel free to print/share the poster with those you think would be interested!

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Join us for a day of
workshops
empowering educators
to use digital tools to
provide inclusive,
accessible learning
opportunities for all of
our young people.

Sessions provided by PKC
practitioners and our
partners.

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29 May 26
09:00-15:30

Bertha Park High School

Book now

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Communication Champion Inset 11 February

72 practitioners attended the Communication Champion Inset held at Perth Grammar on the 11 of February.

The evaluation demonstrates that overall, the workshop was highly successful, with strong engagement, excellent-quality learning experiences, and positive impacts on practitioner confidence. The programme is clearly valued and aligns well with professional needs across ELC settings.

The primary area for enhancement is extending workshop duration to allow deeper exploration of content. We have created a Padlet with all the materials and presentations for you to access and review.



An online Communication Champion session will take place on 13 May 2026 3:15 to 4:15pm. Please share the link with any colleagues who are interested in joining the session.

We would like to thank everyone for their participation and enthusiasm throughout the morning.

Communication Champion In-Set
day padlet

Don't forget to check out the [Padlets](#) section on our new [ELC Settings EDMS](#). All Padlets are available there, including resources shared during our recent in-service days.

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Changes to notifiable incidents and notifications

Telling CI about Protection

CI have updated our protection procedures and made changes to how we manage protection notifications (previously called allegations of abuse). As you will know, some changes were introduced in April 2025, and we have since made further minor updates. These improvements will help ensure CI receive accurate information and reduce the need for unnecessary follow-up where details are missing.

As part of these improvements, CI have clarified when a service should notify them of a protection concern relating to a child.

[Read more on ELC Settings EDMS](#)

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Childcare & Holiday Clubs

Easter holiday childcare

Are you looking for childcare over the October Holidays?

The following Kids Club and Wraparound Care Services are CLOSED on Good Friday and Easter Monday, but are open from 8am - 6pm throughout the rest of the holidays:

- Oakbank Kids Club
- Blair Kids Club
- Milnathort Kids Club
- St Dominics Wraparound Care
- Luncarty Wraparound Care

The following services are open on Good Friday and Easter Monday, and the full holiday period.

- Inchview Wraparound Care
- Letham Wraparound Care

- Pitlochry Wraparound Care open from Monday 6th to Friday 10th April 2026.

Please note that Wraparound Care offer childcare for children from 3 years old to primary school age, whereas Kids Club is from P1 – 14 years.

You can book for any of our Kids Clubs or Wraparound Care Services, it doesn't have to be your term-time club, and even if you don't use after school care, you can still book for holidays.

[View planners and book](#)

Tax Free Childcare

Almost all families can apply for Tax Free Childcare, and you can receive up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year).

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