

## Further Information

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## Gaelic Medium Pre-School Provision in Highland:

Acharacle (Gaelic) Nursery

Ballachulish (Gaelic Nursery)

Bonar Bridge (Gaelic) Nursery

Broadford (Gaelic) Nursery

Bun-sgoil Ghàidhlig Inbhir Nis

Craighill (Gaelic) Nursery

Dingwall (Gaelic) Nursery

Dunvegan (Gaelic) Nursery

Fort William RC (Gaelic) Nursery

Gairloch (Gaelic) Nursery

Glenurquhart (Gaelic) Nursery

Kilmuir (Gaelic) Nursery

Lochcarron (Gaelic) Nursery

Mallaig (Gaelic) Nursery

Newtonmore (Gaelic Nursery)

Plockton Nursery (Gaelic Medium)

Portree (Gaelic) Nursery

Sleat (Gaelic) Nursery

Staffin (Gaelic) Nursery

Tongue (Gaelic) Nursery

Ullapool (Gaelic) Nursery

Croileagan Inbhir Narainn

Croileagan Inbhir Pheofharain

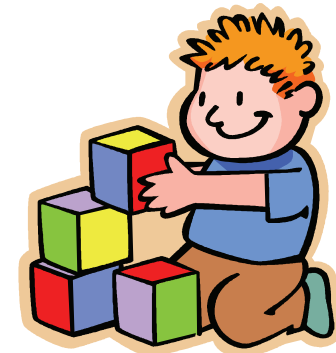
Croileagan Inbhir Theorsa

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## Early Education for 3 & 4 Year Olds

### 2011-2012



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## Where are the Funded Places in August 2011?

- Funded places are available in local authority nurseries, voluntary partner providers or private partner providers which are commissioned by Highland Council to provide pre-school education. There are currently 162 local authority nurseries, 20 commissioned private partners and 60 commissioned voluntary partners. All centres offering funded places work to the same curriculum and are subject to the Highland Council Quality Assurance process and the Scottish Government national inspection arrangements.
- To find out where your local pre-school provision will be in August there are various places you can contact: your local primary school, the Council Service Point, the Area Education Office or the Highland Council Childcare Information Service.
- Priority will be given to children living within the school catchment area. However where a parent has domestic or work arrangements which give reasonable grounds for granting a place in another centre, enrolment can be accepted if places are available.
- All children are able to split their sessions between 2 centres, as long as they do not exceed the full 12 1/2 hours per week pre-school funding.
- At some voluntary or private partner centres children can attend before they become eligible for funding but you would be expected to pay fees for the period up until they become eligible for a funded place. In sessional local authority nurseries children born between 01 September 2008 and 28 February 2009 may attend the provision from the week after their third birthday. A charge of £6.15 will be made per session in line with current childcare fees.

## Who can have free places?

Children entitled to a fully funded pre-school education place must be born within the eligible birth dates for the school session starting in August 2011. These are laid down by the Scottish Government and are as follows:-

### The Pre-school Year ("Four Year Olds")

Those born on or between **1 March 2007—29 February 2008** are eligible for a funded place from **August 2011**

### The Year before the Pre-school Year ("Three Year Olds")

Those born on or between **1 March 2008—31 August 2008** will be eligible for a funded place from **August 2011**

Those born on or between **1 September 2008—31 December 2008** will be eligible for a funded place from **January 2012**

Those born on or between **1 January 2009—28 February 2009** will be eligible for a funded place from **April 2012**



## How do I enrol my child for a funded place in 2011-2012?

If your child is eligible for a funded place in the school session 2011/2012 you may enrol your child at the pre-school centre of your choice by applying directly to that centre. You will need to take your child's birth certificate or other photographic identification with you.

**Week beginning 7th February 2011 is "enrolment week" at all centres.** However if you miss this opportunity you will still be able to enrol your child after that date if the centre of your choice has places available. It is best, however, to enrol your child as early as possible in enrolment week.



## How much is paid for?

If your child is eligible for a funded place this means they are entitled to 475 hours of pre-school education, usually taken as 5 sessions of 2 1/2 hours for 38 weeks of the school year. The funding is paid directly to the pre-school centre for your child's registered number of sessions. There is no direct payment to parents.

It should be noted that parents/carers are responsible for their children travelling to and from nursery provision.

## Gaelic Pre-school Education

If you would like your child to receive their pre-school education through the medium of Gaelic, currently we have 21 Gaelic Medium Nurseries and 4 Gaelic Voluntary Partner Centres in Highland. See back of leaflet for Gaelic Medium provision details. For parents wishing to access Gaelic Medium, enrolments may be accepted for children from any catchment area if there are places available.

## Deferred Entry to Primary 1

In certain circumstances a child may defer their entry into Primary 1. This should be discussed with staff during the pre-school year. If entry to Primary 1 is deferred, a further pre-school year **may** be provided.

## Additional Support Needs

If your child is eligible for a funded place and has additional support needs you should discuss their needs with staff at the pre-school centre at enrolment.