

### Additional Support Needs

#### Feumalachdan Taice a Bharrachd

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

### Gaelic Early Learning and Childcare

#### Ionnsachadh Tràth agus Cùram-chloinne sa Ghàidhlig

- If you would like your child to receive their Early Learning and Childcare through the medium of Gaelic, there are currently 21 Gaelic Medium Local Authority and 3 Gaelic Voluntary Partner centres in Highland. For parents wishing to access Gaelic Medium, enrolments will be accepted for children from any catchment area if there are places available.

### Deferred Entry to Primary 1 Inntrigeadh Dàilichte gu Clas 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 funded pre-school year **may** be provided.

#### Further Information

#### Tuilleadh Fiosrachaidh

For further information please contact:

**Childcare & Early Education Service**

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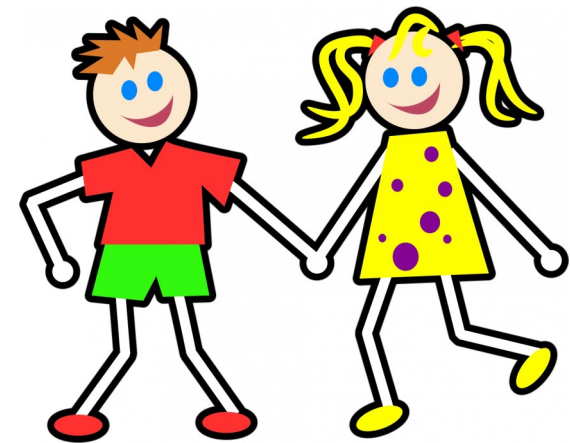


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## Early Learning and Childcare for 3 & 4 Year Olds 2016-2017

### Ionnsachadh Tràth agus Cùram-chloinne do Aois 3 & 4 Bliadhna 2016-2017



## Funded Places in August 2016

### Àiteachan Maonaichte san Lùnastal 2016

- Funded places are available in school nurseries, playgroups or private nurseries which are commissioned by Highland Council to provide Early Learning and Childcare. There are currently 160 Local Authority Nurseries, 20 commissioned Private Partners and 42 commissioned Voluntary Partners. All centres offering funded places work to the same curriculum and are subject to the Highland Council Quality Assurance process and Scottish Government national inspection arrangements. There are no registered Childminders currently funded.
- To find out where your local Early Learning and Childcare provision will be in August there are various places you can contact: your local primary school, the Council Service Point, the Area Care and Learning Office or the Early Learning and Childcare Service.
- Priority will be given to children living within the school catchment area unless using a full Daycare provider.
- All children are able to split their entitlement between 2 centres, however no more than 16 hours per week of Early Learning and Childcare will be funded.
- In Local Authority Nurseries children born between 01 September 2013 and 28 February 2014 may attend the provision from the week after their third birthday. A charge of £3.45 will be made per hour in line with current childcare fees which may be subject to change.
- Voluntary or Private centres can make their own arrangements for children to attend before they become eligible for a funded place. Each will have their own charging policy.
- Ongoing consultation with parents and providers will take place over the session to look at whether current arrangements meet needs.



## Who can have free places? Cò gheibh àite an-asgaidh?

Children entitled to a fully funded Early Learning and Childcare place must be born within the eligible birth dates for the school session starting in August 2016. These are laid down by the Scottish Government and are as follows:-

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

Those born on or between

**1 March 2013—31 August 2013** will be eligible for a funded place from **August 2016**

**1 September 2013—31 December 2013** will be eligible for a funded place from **January 2017**

**1 January 2014—28 February 2014** will be eligible for a funded place from **April 2017**

## How do I enrol my child for a funded place in 2016-2017?

### Ciamar a chlàras mi mo leanabh airson àite pàighte ann an 2016-2017?

- If your child is eligible for a funded place in the school session 2016/2017 you may enrol your child at the Early Learning and Childcare provision of your choice by applying directly to that setting. You will need to take your child's birth certificate or other photographic identification with you.
- Week beginning 1 February 2016 is "enrolment week" at all settings.** However if you miss this opportunity you will still be able to enrol your child after that date if the setting of your choice has places available. It is best, however, to enrol your child during enrolment week.

## How much is paid for? Dè na tha pàighte?

- If your child is eligible for a funded place this means they may be entitled to 600 hours of Early Learning and Childcare or proportion thereof. Parents can choose to use the hours flexibly as long as no more than 16 hours per week or 8 hours in a day or over a minimum of 38 weeks is taken. The funding is paid directly to the Early Learning and Childcare setting for your child's allocated number of hours. There is no direct payment to parents.
- It should be noted that parents/carers are responsible for their children travelling to and from their chosen setting.