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Hillside Nursery Primary One and Early Learning and Childcare Registration and Admission Guidance 2023-2024

Primary One Admissions 2023-2024



Aberdeenshire's Registration Week for Primary 1 admission is Monday 16th January to Friday 20th January 2023

All children who reach their fifth birthday by 29th February 2024 are invited to register for Primary 1 for admission in August 2023.

Parents/Carers of those children due to commence attendance at school in August 2023 should now register their children for the appropriate local primary school.

To register for a primary school place, for a school within your catchment area, please complete the online application which can be found at: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/applyForSchoolPlace>.

It is usual practice for children to attend their local catchment primary school, however, you have the right to apply to place your child in a school other than your local school. Please complete an out of zone placing request. (You should still register your child in a school in the area you live in until you know the outcome of your application) Out of Zone Request form can be found at: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/school-info/admissions/out-of-zone-school/>

Please bring the below with you when your child starts school:

- **the child's birth certificate as this is required as evidence of their date of birth and;**
- **evidence of the parent/carer's home address (for example a recent utility bill or recent bank statement).**

All schools in Aberdeenshire have the same start date, in the middle of August each year. You will be informed of this year's start date at the time of registration at school.

Aberdeenshire Education & Children's Services makes no provision to admit any children who are five after the end of February, unless that child has previously been registered and has commenced

full-time attendance (excluding induction) in a state supported or Forces school and is transferring into Aberdeenshire. In this case, the local authority can exercise discretion. Registration for a nursery or playgroup does not count for the purposes of this exception.

Changes to Deferral to Primary One from 2023



We would like to make you aware of some changes to Deferral to Primary One, from the academic year 2023. Deferral is when a child, who is 4 years old when school starts in August, remains in Early Learning and Childcare rather than moving on to Primary One. It can also be referred to as Delayed Entry to Primary One.

From the academic year 2023 to 2024 and beyond. If your child is 4 years old at the start of the autumn term in August, you can opt for a deferral without this being agreed by your local authority. There is no specific deferral application process and funding will be provided. You should apply for your child's ELC place using the usual online admissions application process.

At the start of the online form you will see the question 'Select the type of place you are applying for' and you should select 'Delayed entry to Primary One'. Please talk to your Early Years Senior Practitioner if your child is eligible and you have already decided they will defer and remain in ELC rather than moving on to Primary One.

If your child is eligible and you are unsure about whether you want them to defer and remain in ELC or to move on to Primary One then please discuss this with the Headteacher of the school. They will be best placed to explain what provision is like in Primary One and it should help you make the right decision for your child.

If you have any questions about deferral that your EYSP or Headteacher are unable to answer, please contact elc admissions@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Early Learning and Childcare Admissions 2023-2024

Aberdeenshire's Registration Weeks for Early Learning and Childcare admission is *Monday 23rd January to Friday 3rd February 2023*



From August 2021, all children became eligible to receive up to a maximum of 1140 hours of funded Early Learning and Childcare per year, or a pro rata amount, from the term after their 3rd birthday. Parents/carers can choose whether these hours are accessed in a local authority nursery or within a playgroup, private day nursery or childminder, which has been commissioned by the local authority.

If child's third birthday falls between: 1st March – 21st August *

They will be eligible from: 22nd August 2023

If child's third birthday falls between: 22nd August - 29th October *

They will be eligible from: 30th of October 2023

If child's third birthday falls between: 30th October – 7th January *

They will be eligible from: 8th of January 2024

If child's third birthday falls between: 8th January – 14th April *

They will be eligible from: 15th of April 2024

***Your child must have had their 3rd birthday the day before the new term starts.**

Please note the start of term dates change each year.

Link to term dates: <https://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/media/25390/25revisedjun20.pdf>

Funded places for session 2023/2024 are available at both local authority nurseries and with playgroups, private day nurseries and childminders, which has been commissioned by the local authority.

Information and the online application form for local authority nurseries, commissioned playgroups, private day nurseries and childminders will be available from **23rd January 2023 – 3rd February 2023**. These can be obtained online from <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/information/early-learning-and-childcare-information/>

All Early Learning and Childcare settings that provide Early Learning and Childcare funded places are regulated by Education Scotland and the Care Inspectorate, and are quality assured by Aberdeenshire Council. Parents/carers should note there are separate approaches for applying for funded places in school nursery classes and for applying for funded places in commissioned playgroups or private day nurseries. These are as follows:

For entry to a local authority school.

For children who become eligible to commence their Early Learning and Childcare funded place in the **2023/2024** session, applications should be **submitted online between 23rd January 2023 and 3rd February 2023**. A list of all provision is listed in the '*Applying Early Learning and Childcare for Your Child – Application Booklet*'. Booklets are available from the website at <http://www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/schools/information/early-learning-and-childcare-information/>.

Evidence of the child's date of birth (original birth certificate) and evidence of home address (for example a recent utility bill or recent bank statement) will be required, once you have received confirmation that your child has been offered a place.

For entry to a commissioned playgroup, private day nursery or childminder (funded providers)

Parents/carers should first apply directly to the commissioned playgroup, private day nursery or childminder of their choice from the **23rd January 2023**.

Once a place has been secured, Parents/carers will then be asked by their funded provider, to apply online for a funded place for the confirmed number of hours. This funding will be paid direct to your chosen funded provider by Aberdeenshire Council. If the Parent/carer does not apply for a funded place, your chosen provider may ask Parent/carers to pay full price.

Applying for Early Learning and Childcare for Eligible 2-year-Olds in 2023-2024



Your child may be entitled to funded Early Learning and Childcare.

Eligible 2-year-old children fall into 2 categories.

1.Children that are looked after and accommodated or are under a kinship or guardianship order.

(Children placed as near their second birthday as possible)

2. Children whose families are in receipt of one or more of these qualifying benefits:

- Income Support.
- Incapacity or Severe Disablement Allowance.
- State Pension Credit.

- Income based Jobseekers Allowance.
- Any income-related element of the Employment & Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and your income is below £17,005
- Both maximum CTC and WTC with income less than £7,920.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Universal Credit and your household take-home pay is £660 a month or less

All Application forms must be completed and submitted by the parent/carer. Application forms can be requested by emailing eligible2andcensus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

If criteria is met, your child will be placed the term after their second birthday or the term after application was received

Please note: All two-year olds are allocated places centrally.

Enquiries regarding eligible two places should be sent to: eligible2andcensus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk

Please note: Transport to and from Early Learning and Childcare settings is NOT provided or funded by Education and Children's Services.

WHEN CHILDREN ARE PLACED

- Social Work referrals are placed as close after the child's second birthday as possible or as soon as possible after application is received.
- DWP applications which meet criteria will be placed the term after the child's second birthday or the term after the application is made.
- If a child is not already attending an ELC setting where they will receive funding, placement will only be made during the first two weeks of term commencing.

WHERE CHILDREN ARE PLACED

We work in partnership with other Early Learning and Childcare settings to offer a choice of provision to parents/Carer

- **Childminders**
- **Playgroups**
- **Private nurseries**
- **Independent schools**

Aberdeenshire Council aim to place children primarily with ELC funded providers. However, there will be some instances when a child will be placed at a school setting but this will be a decision made centrally

In a funded provider setting, you can access your entitlement which is up to 1140 hours per academic year. Early Learning and Childcare funded hours are provided on a pro rata basis. The most hours that can be accessed in a week are 30 hours per week and this is through accessing a term time (38 week) model.

WHAT IF MY CHILD IS ALREADY IN AN EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE SETTING?

If your child is attending a setting which is in partnership with the Local Authority. We aim to place your child in the same setting.

2 Nurture funded children moving on to a funded place as a three-year-old, families are required to complete an ELC application form. Please see Aberdeenshire Council website for more information.

ENQUIRES

Enquiries regarding 2 Nurture funded places should be sent to:

eligible2andcensus@aberdeenshire.gov.uk.

Queries



Please feel free to reach out to your school or Early Years Senior Practitioner if you have any questions or queries regarding the Primary One or Early Learning and Childcare application process.

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