



Early Years in Fife

# Early Learning & Childcare

Applying for an ELC place  
for children 3 and 4 years old  
2026/27



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**Fife Council offers funded Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) to all 3- and 4-year-olds from the first intake after their qualifying birthday until they are due to start school. This can be up to 1140 hours per year in most settings.**

Across our ELC settings we offer different session times, so you will have more choice.

Also, families may be able to share their 1140 funded hours between different ELC settings.

## What are my options?

There are several different ways for families to access their ELC entitlement. These include:

- private ELC settings that are in partnership with Fife Council.
- playgroups that are in partnership with Fife Council.
- childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council.
- Fife Council ELC settings, term time.
- Fife Council ELC settings, across the whole year.

## When should my child start ELC?

**Every child is entitled to an ELC place from the first intake after their third birthday.**

**That means:**

- **Starting ELC in August 2026**  
Your child must be three before 31 August 2026.
- **Starting ELC in January 2027**  
Your child must be three before 31 December 2026.
- **Starting ELC in April 2027**  
Your child must be three before the last day of February 2027.

## What session types are available in a Fife Council ELC setting?

- 6hrs Mon - Fri (Term Time)
- 4hrs 40mins am Mon - Fri (49 weeks)
- 4hrs 40mins pm Mon - Fri (49 weeks)
- 10hrs Mon and Tues, Wed am (46 weeks)
- Wed pm, 10hrs Thurs and Fri (46 weeks)

## How do I apply for a Fife Council ELC place?

You should only complete one Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) application form, per child, to apply for Fife Council ELC provision. Online application forms for 3 and 4 year old placements for academic year 2026-27 can be found at [fife.gov.uk/elcplaces](https://fife.gov.uk/elcplaces).

A paper version can be collected from, and handed into, your first choice Fife Council ELC setting. All applications must be submitted by **31 January 2026**.

## How do I make my choices for a Fife Council ELC setting?

Fife Council is working hard to ensure places are matched to the needs of children and families. You are free to make an application to the ELC setting of your choice.

Please check your preferred ELC setting will be offering the session times you are looking for. You can find a list of nurseries and the sessions offered at [fife.gov.uk/elcplaces](https://fife.gov.uk/elcplaces)

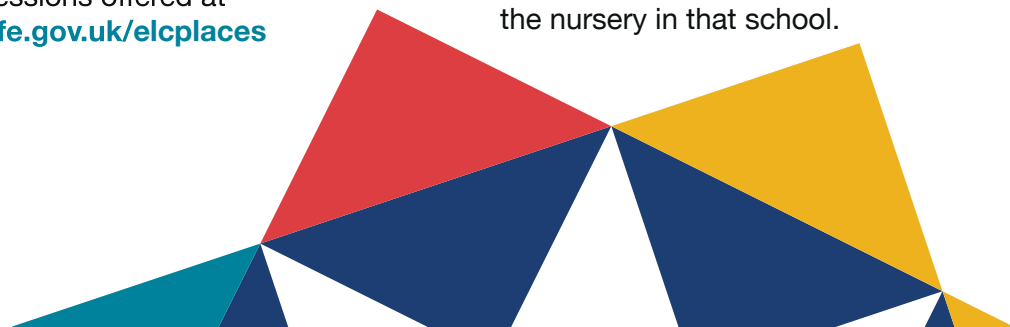
For a place in a Fife Council ELC setting you are asked to provide up to five choices on your application form. The more choices you put on your form, the greater the chance you will be offered one of your preferences. However, please note that you should only put choices on your form that you may accept if offered.

## Will I get my first choice?

Some nurseries or session times will be oversubscribed. If we are unable to offer your first choice, we will then look at your other choices to see if we can offer you one of these.

An admissions policy is in place to ensure fairness when allocating places - this can be found at [fife.gov.uk/elcplaces](https://fife.gov.uk/elcplaces)

Please note that the place you are offered may not be your local Primary School ELC setting, as nursery admissions do not operate in the same way as school catchment areas. In addition, children with siblings in a specific Primary School may not always be offered a space in the nursery in that school.



## SW1 – DALGETY BAY AND INVERKEITHING

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Rainbow Nursery - Dalgety Bay
- Little Bugs Nursery

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife.

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.

In this area there is:

- Aberdour Primary School Nursery
- North Queensferry Primary School Nursery
- Dalgety Bay Primary School Nursery
- Donibristle Primary School Nursery
- Treetop Family Nurture Centre – Inverkeithing

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Treetop Family Nurture Centre – Rosyth

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Donibristle Primary School Nursery

## SW2 – ROSYTH TO CAIRNEYHILL

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Building Blocks Nursery

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife.

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.

In this area there is:

- Limekilns Primary School Nursery
- Kings Road Primary School Nursery
- Park Road Primary School Nursery
- Camdean Primary School Nursery
- Cairneyhill Primary School Nursery
- Treetop Family Nurture Centre – Rosyth

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Treetop Family Nurture Centre – Rosyth

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Treetop Family Nurture Centre – Rosyth

## SW3 – WEST FIFE VILLAGES

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife.

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife.

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.

In this area there is:

- Blairhall Primary School Nursery
- Saline Primary School Nursery
- St Serf's RC Primary School Nursery
- Tulliallan Primary School Nursery
- Inzievar Primary School Nursery
- Torryburn Primary School Nursery

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Treetop Family Nurture Centre – Rosyth

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Inzievar Primary School Nursery
- Torryburn Primary School Nursery

## D1 – DUNFERMLINE NORTH AND WEST

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Lauriston Nursery

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.  
In this area there is:

- Crossford Primary School Nursery
- Pittencrieff Primary School Nursery
- Townhill Primary School Nursery
- Bellyeoman Primary School Nursery

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Halbeath Nursery

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Bellyeoman Primary School Nursery
- Mclean Primary School Nursery

## D2 – DUNFERMLINE CENTRAL

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Appin Nursery and Creche
- Bright Starts Nursery
- Bumble Beez Nursery

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife.

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.

In this area there is:

- Beanstalk Family Nurture Centre
- St Leonards Primary School Nursery
- St Margaret's RC Primary School Nursery
- Touch Primary School Nursery

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Halbeath Nursery

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Beanstalk Family Nurture Centre



## D3 – DUNFERMLINE EAST

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Busy Bees Nursery - Castlevue
- Busy Bees Nursery - Halbeath
- Pitreavie Kindergarten

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Pitcorthie Playgroup
- Pitreavie Playgroup

### Childminders

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### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.  
In this area there is:

- Lynburn Primary School Nursery
- Duloch Primary School Nursery
- Carnegie Primary School Nursery
- Halbeath Nursery
- Pitreavie Primary School Nursery

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Halbeath Nursery

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Duloch Primary School Nursery
- Halbeath Nursery

## C1 – BALLINGRY TO LOCHGELLY

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Noah's Ark Nursery

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife.

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery For 3 and 4 Year Ods

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.  
In this area there is:

- Benarty Primary School Nursery
- Cardenden Primary School Nursery
- St Ninian's RC Primary School Nursery
- Denend Primary School Nursery
- Lochgelly South Primary School
- Lochgelly West Primary School
- Sunflower Family Nurture Centre
- St Kenneth's RC Primary School Nursery

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Sunflower Family Nurture Centre

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Dunmore Nursery
- Cardenden Primary School Nursery
- Sunflower Family Nurture Centre

## C2 – COWDENBEATH TO KELTY

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Clever Clogs Childcare Centre

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife.

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.  
In this area there is:

- Clentry Nursery
- Crossgates Primary School Nursery
- Foulford Primary School Nursery
- Hill of Beath Primary School Nursery
- Lumphinnans Primary School Nursery
- St Brides RC Primary School Nursery
- St Brides RC Primary School Nursery (Cowdenbeath Leisure Centre)

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Sunflower Family Nurture Centre

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Clentry Nursery
- Cowdenbeath Primary School Nursery
- Foulford Primary School Nursery
- Hill of Beath Primary School Nursery
- St Brides RC Primary School Nursery (Cowdenbeath Leisure Centre)

## G1 – GLENROTHES SOUTH & EAST

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Rainbow Nursery - Glenrothes
- Sunshine Nursery
- Peek A Boo Nursery - Markinch
- Busy Bees Nursery - Pinewood

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife.

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.  
In this area there is:

- Markinch Primary School Nursery
- Ladybird Family Nature Centre
- Pitteuchar East Primary School Nursery
- Pitteuchar West Primary School Nursery
- Pitcoudie Primary School Nursery

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Carleton Nursery

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Carleton Nursery
- Thornton Primary School Nursery

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm. In this area there is:

- Pitteuchar West Primary School Nursery

## G2 – GLENROTHES NORTH & WEST

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife.

- Newcastle Early Learning Nursery

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.  
In this area there is:

- Caskieberran Primary School Nursery
- Rimbleton Primary School Nursery
- South Parks Primary School Nursery
- Collydean Primary School Nursery
- Leslie Primary School Nursery
- Southwood Primary School Nursery

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Carleton Nursery

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Kinglassie Primary School
- Southwood Primary School Nursery

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm. In this area there is:

- South Parks Primary School Nursery

## K1 – KIRKCALDY SOUTH

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- First Class Childcare, Burntisland
- Little Beehive Nursery - Kirkcaldy
- Linktown Nursery

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Burntisland Playgroup

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.  
In this area there is:

- Kinghorn Primary School Nursery
- Dunnikier Primary School Nursery
- Burntisland Primary School Nursery
- Kirkcaldy West Primary School Nursery (Beveridge Park)

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Fair Isle Family Nurture Centre

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Burntisland Primary School Nursery
- Kirkcaldy West Primary School Nursery

## K2 – KIRKCALDY NORTH AND WEST

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife.

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Dunnikier Pre-School Playgroup

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.  
In this area there is:

- Torbain Primary School Nursery
- Strathallan Primary School Nursery
- Capshard Primary School Nursery
- Fair Isle Family Nurture Centre
- Valley Primary School Nursery

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Fair Isle Family Nurture Centre

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Fair Isle Family Nurture Centre
- Valley Primary School Nursery

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm. In this area there is:

- Capshard Primary School Nursery

## K3 – KIRKCALDY EAST

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Daisychain Nursery – Commercial Street
- Daisychain Nursery – Loughborough Road
- Peek A Boo Nursery - Kirkcaldy

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife.

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.

In this area there is:

- Dysart Primary School Nursery
- Pathhead Primary School Nursery
- Kirkcaldy North Primary School Nursery
- Gallatown Nursery

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Fair Isle Family Nurture Centre

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Gallatown Nursery



## L1 – LEVENMOUTH CENTRAL

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Peek A Boo Nursery - Leven

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Largo Playgroup

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.  
In this area there is:

- Mountfleurie Primary School Nursery
- St Agatha's RC Primary School Nursery
- Kennoway Primary School Nursery
- Balcurvie Primary School Nursery

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- St Agatha's RC Primary School Nursery

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Viewforth Nursery

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm. In this area there is:

- Balcurvie Primary School Nursery

## L2 – LEVENMOUTH SOUTH

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Methilhill Children's Community Initiative

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Fishbowl Nursery

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.  
In this area there is:

- Buckhaven Primary School Nursery
- Denbeath Primary School Nursery
- Woodlands Family Nurture Centre
- East Wemyss Primary School Nursery
- Paxton Nursery

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- St Agatha's RC Primary School Nursery

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Methilhaven Nursery

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm. In this area there is:

- East Wemyss Primary School Nursery

## NE1 – EAST NEUK

### Private Nurseries

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### Playgroups

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### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.

In this area there is:

- Pittenweem Primary School Nursery
- Anstruther Primary School Nursery
- Crail Primary School Nursery
- St Monans Primary School Nursery
- Lundin Mill Primary School Nursery

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Westfield Family Nurture Centre

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- St Monans Primary School Nursery

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm. In this area there is:

- Anstruther Primary School Nursery
- Crail Primary School Nursery

## NE2 – ST ANDREWS

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Acorn Day Nursery
- Montessori Children's House
- St Andrew's University Nursery
- Bright Horizons Nursery
- Little Beehive Nursery - Strathkinness
- Rainbow Nursery - St Andrews

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife.

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.  
In this area there is:

- Canongate Primary School Nursery
- Lawhead Primary School Nursery
- St Andrews Nursery
- Leuchars Primary School Nursery

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Westfield Family Nurture Centre

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- St Andrews Nursery

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm. In this area there is:

- Leuchars Primary School Nursery

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Visit [www.fife.gov.uk/earlyyears](http://www.fife.gov.uk/earlyyears) for more about options in your area

## NE3 – TAYBRIDGEHEAD

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Little Beehive Nursery - Newport

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Little Lighthouse Nursery Tayport
- Wormit Playgroup

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.  
In this area there is:

- Balmerino Primary School Nursery
- Balmullo Primary School Nursery
- Newport Primary School Nursery
- Wormit Primary School Nursery
- Ferryport Nursery

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Westfield Family Nurture Centre

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Ferryport Nursery

## NE4 – HOWE OF FIFE

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Smart Cookies Nursery
- Little Rookies Childcare

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife.

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.

In this area there is:

- Auchtermuchty Primary School Nursery
- Falkland Primary School Nursery
- Freuchie Primary School Nursery
- Strathmiglo Primary School Nursery
- Newburgh Primary School Nursery

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Westfield Family Nurture Centre

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm or Monday to Friday afternoon sessions from 1:20pm to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Newburgh Primary School Nursery

## NE5 – CUPAR

### Private Nurseries

A range of private nurseries in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Little Beehive Nursery - Tannage, Cupar
- Secret Garden Outdoor Nursery
- Little Doe Daycare

### Playgroups

A range of playgroups in partnership with Fife Council are available in different areas across Fife. In this area there is:

- Ferryfield Playgroup
- Triangle Under 5s

### Childminders

We have a number of childminders who are in partnership with Fife Council to deliver funded ELC hours.

### Fife Council Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds

**Term Time (38 weeks a year)** – 5 days a week, Mon to Fri, 9am – 3pm.

In this area there is:

- Ceres Primary School Nursery
- Ladybank Primary School Nursery
- Springfield Primary School Nursery
- Kettle Primary School Nursery
- Westfield Family Nurture Centre

### Across the whole year in a Fife Council nursery

**Full Year (46 weeks a year)** – 2 ½ days a week, Mon/Tues full days from 8am to 6pm, and Wed morning 8am to 12:48pm (½ day) or Wed afternoon 1.12pm to 6pm (½ day) and Thurs/Fri full days from 8am to 6pm. In this area there is:

- Westfield Family Nurture Centre

**Full Year (49 weeks a year)** – ½ day sessions - Mon to Fri morning sessions from 8am to 12:40pm. In this area there is:

- Kettle Primary School Nursery

## Where do I apply for a Fife ELC place?

Application forms are available from all Fife Council nurseries, or online at [fife.gov.uk/elcplaces](https://fife.gov.uk/elcplaces)

Online applications are submitted electronically. Paper applications should be returned to your first choice Fife Council ELC setting, along with any proof requested.

Applications must be received by 31 January 2026 for any child applying to attend any Fife Council ELC setting between August 2026 and July 2027.

If your child has additional support needs, please contact the headteacher of your first choice ELC setting.

You will be notified by end of March 2026 to inform you if (and where) your child has been offered a place within a Fife Council setting.

## How do I apply for a funded ELC place at my preferred private nursery, playgroup or childminder?

You will be able to apply for a funded early learning and childcare place at your preferred private nursery, playgroup or childminder, if they are in partnership with Fife Council.

Applications for private nurseries, playgroups and childminders in partnership with Fife Council should be made directly with these individual establishments and services.

A list of all current funded providers is available at [fife.gov.uk/elcplaces](https://fife.gov.uk/elcplaces)

It may be possible to share hours between different Early Learning and Childcare providers, up to a total of 1140 hours per annum. For example, this may be between an ELC setting and a childminder. You can state this on the application form.

