



Early Years in Fife

Early Learning & Childcare



Early Learning and Childcare for 2-year-olds Session 2026-27

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for 2-year-olds



Early Learning and Childcare for 2-year-olds is available in the following centres:

South West Fife

Treetop Family Nurture Centre (Inverkeithing)

Treetop Family Nurture Centre (Rosyth)

Inzievar Primary School Nursery

Kings Road Primary School Nursery

Park Road Primary School Nursery

Torryburn Primary School Nursery

Dunfermline

Beanstalk Family Nurture Centre (Fergus Place)

Beanstalk Family Nurture Centre (Aberdour Road)

Lynburn Primary School Nursery

Halbeath Nursery

Cowdenbeath and Lochgelly

Clentry Nursery

Cowdenbeath Primary School Nursery

Crossgates Primary School Nursery

Denend Primary School Nursery

Cardenden Primary School Nursery

Dunmore Nursery

St. Bride's RC Primary School, Cowdenbeath Leisure Centre Annex

Sunflower Family Nurture Centre (Melgund Place)

Sunflower Family Nurture Centre (McGregor Avenue)

North East Fife

Auchtermuchty Primary School Nursery

St Andrews Nursery

Westfield Family Nurture Centre

St Monans Primary School Nursery

Leuchars Primary School Nursery

Glenrothes

Carleton Nursery

Ladybird Family Nurture Centre

Rimbleton Primary School Nursery

South Parks Primary School Nursery

Southwood Primary School Nursery

Pitteuchar East Primary School Nursery

Kirkcaldy

Burntisland Primary School Nursery

Dysart Primary School Nursery

Fair Isle Family Nurture Centre (Fair Isle Road)

Fair Isle Family Nurture Centre (Appin Crescent)

Gallatown Nursery

Pathhead Primary School Nursery

Valley Primary School Nursery

Levenmouth

Buckhaven Primary School Nursery
Kennoway Primary and Community School Nursery
Mountfleurie Primary School Nursery
Paxton Nursery
Viewforth Nursery
Woodlands Family Nurture Centre
Methilhaven Nursery

We can also offer funded placements for eligible 2-year-olds with private nurseries, playgroups and childminders in partnership with Fife Council.

Please go to <https://www.fife.gov.uk/early-learning> for an up to date list of Funded Providers that can offer places.

Fife Council have a number of centres that offer Early Learning and Childcare to children who are 2 years of age. These are offered to eligible children in line with criteria set down by The Scottish Government.

What is available?

Early Learning and Childcare Places are available for 1140 hours per year, either term-time or full-year dependent on the setting. Places are offered in the Fife Council nurseries listed overleaf, as well as with Funded Providers such as private nursery, playgroup and childminders in partnership with Fife Council.

Who is eligible?

If your family is receiving any of the following benefits, then your child may be eligible for a place:

- Income support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Incapacity Benefit
- Severe Disablement Allowance
- State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999 (Support for Asylum Seekers)

If you get Universal Credit, your 2-year-old may be able to get funded early learning and childcare.

Your monthly household take-home pay must be £885 or less.

'Take-home pay' is how much money you get after these things are taken from your pay:

- tax
- National Insurance
- pension contributions

Your child may also be eligible if they are looked after, under a kinship care or guardianship order. If this applies to you, please contact your Social Worker who will be able to refer you to our LAC Family Support team. This team provide extra support to make sure any placement meets your needs.

Your child may also be eligible if you have been looked after, under a kinship care or guardianship order as you were growing up. Please enquire at your local nursery offering two-year-old places for further details.

If your child has additional support needs or you feel your family needs extra support, and you don't meet the criteria above, then you may also be able to access some Early Learning and Childcare for your two-year-old child in a Local Authority setting. Please discuss this with your Health Visitor, Social Worker, Family Support Worker or Educational Home Visitor who supports your family. They will be able to complete a separate referral form with you if they feel an application is appropriate. If spaces are available for your child, these must be accessed at Council nursery provision offering two-year-old places.

When can my child start?

Nursery intakes for eligible 2-year-olds happen three times during the academic year.

- If your child is eligible and turns 2 between 01/03/2026 and 31/08/2026, they will be eligible to access funded ELC from **August 2026**.
- If your child is eligible and turns 2 between 01/09/2026 and 31/12/2026, they will be eligible to access funded ELC from **January 2027**.
- If your child is eligible and turns 2 between 01/01/2027 and 28/02/2027, they will be eligible to access funded ELC from **April 2027**.

Applications for 2-year-old places can be made a maximum of 2 months before a child's anticipated start date.

How do I apply?

Application forms are available from any Fife Council nursery or can be downloaded online from <https://www.fife.gov.uk/early-learning>. These should be fully completed and can be handed into any Fife Council nursery with 2-year-old provision along with:

- Up to date evidence of any benefits / tax credits you receive,
- Your child's birth certificate or passport, and.
- Proof of your current address

Your application will be assessed at the next available Nursery Panel meeting. These meetings take place each term to award places for the following term. If you are offered a place for your child in a Fife Council nursery, you will be notified in writing.

Please note that the place you are offered may not be in your local nursery.

Further information can be found at <https://www.fife.gov.uk/early-learning>