

Moray Early Learning & Childcare (ELC) Expansion

Parent Information Sessions

January 2018



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Early Learning & Childcare Expansion

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- Moray Council is required to provide 600 hours of early learning & childcare to three and four year olds and eligible two year olds
- 22 school nurseries, 36 funded providers (private and third sector nurseries) and childminders (2 year olds only)
- Term-time only (3 hours 10 minutes per day)

Early Learning & Childcare Expansion


Scottish Government Vision

Quality – activities that educate and nurture our children, giving them the best start in life

Flexible – services that suit parents/carers and children's needs

Accessible – for all eligible children in Moray

Affordable - for all families in Moray




Early Learning & Childcare Expansion

August 2020

- Moray Council required to provide 1140 hours of early learning and childcare to three and four year olds and eligible two year olds.
- Available 50 weeks per year:
 - 22 hours per week (all year)
 - 30 hours per week (term-time only)

Moray Council Vision

“Our Early Learning & Childcare settings support and nurture our children and their families, at a time and in a place that best meets their needs, giving all children the best possible opportunity to achieve their potential”.



Moray's Offer

- Parents/carers of 3 and 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds are entitled to up to 1140 hours of ELC and can take up as much or as little of their entitlement as they wish.
- Where possible children can receive their funded entitlement at times and locations that best support their learning and development, and fit with the needs of their parents/carers.
- Providing there is space available parents/carers can choose their preferred provider(s) and agree when they will use their funded entitlement within the following set limits:
 - No session longer than 10 hours
 - No session shorter than 3 hours
 - Not before 7am or after 7pm within nursery settings (childminder sessions can be evening sessions)
- Children accessing their funded ELC entitlement over lunchtime are entitled to a free school lunch.
- Parents/carers can pay for additional hours beyond their funded entitlement if those hours are available.

What will this look like?

August 2020

- 1140 hours available at all partner providers (nurseries and childminders (2yo))
- 1140 hours available at Moray Council (school) nurseries
- Can use your 1140 hours with two different providers
- Moray Council nurseries will be managed by nursery managers
- Moray Council nurseries will be open 8am to 6pm 50 weeks per year if required
- Lunches will be available in all nurseries
- Parents/carers will be able to purchase additional hours at Moray Council nurseries if there is spare capacity
- Nursery refurbishment/rebuild programme

Phasing

- By Postcode Area
- August 2018 – postcodes in Buckie, Elgin, Forres, Lhanbryde
- August 2019 – more postcodes (to be announced February 2018)
- August 2020 – everyone will have 1140 hours

Phase 1 Providers

Moray Council Nurseries	Partner Providers
Lady Cathcart (Buckie)	Ark Childcare (Elgin)
Lhanbryde	Bishopmill Pre-School Centre (Elgin)
Millbank (Buckie)	Curious Minds (Elgin)
Seafield (Elgin)	Drumduan (Forres)
	Jack and Jill Nursery School (Elgin)
	Liberty Kids (Elgin)
	Magic Roundabout (Elgin)
	Moray College Nursery (Elgin)
	Rainbow Childcare and Education (Forres)
	Spring Childcare (formerly Kinloss Day Care Centre)
	VIP Childcare (Elgin)
	Childminders (2 year olds only)

Registration

Week beginning 15 January 2018

- 3&4 year olds - take registration form to preferred provider
- 2 year olds – send registration form to Education & Social Care Department, Moray Council
- 600 hours – register for a morning or afternoon term-time session
- 1140 hours (phase 1 nurseries) – term-time or all year, days required
- 600 hours – Lady Cathcart/Millbank/Lhanbryde/Seafield – term-time or all year/days required

Post Registration

- 600 hours – notification of enrolment by May 2018
- Week Beginning 29 January (Lady Cathcart, Millbank, Lhanbryde, Seafield nurseries):
 - 1 to 1 sessions with Moray Council team to discuss individual requirements
 - Invitation emails/letters will be sent out
- Partner providers will organise meetings/sessions for their parents/carers entitled to 1140 hours
- Confirmation of places/hours by May 2018

Post-registration

1 to 1 Sessions (Moray Council nurseries)

Monday January 29 – Lhanbryde Community Centre

Tuesday January 30 – Lady Cathcart, Buckie

Wednesday January 31 – Seafield, Elgin

Thursday 1 February – additional sessions for parents who can't attend the first three sessions

Questions?