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Agenda Item 7

Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) – 2020 Expansion Plan Update

Falkirk Council

Title: Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) – 2020 Expansion Plan Update
Meeting: Education, Children and Young People Executive
Date: 28 January 2020
Submitted By: Director of Children's Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides the Education, Children and Young People Executive with:
- an update on Children's Services progress with the Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Expansion Plans;
 - additional information on some of the new and individual projects and other workstream proposals that support the overall ELC Expansion and Implementation Plans;
 - an update on the current financial position of the expansion programme; and
 - the proposals to update and amend our Early Years Admissions Policy to take account of the changes that the introduction of the 1140 hours of ELC require.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Education, Children and Young People Executive is asked to:
- (i) note the overall content of this current progress report;
 - (ii) note the updates provided on the main projects outlined in Section 4.1;
 - (iii) agree the revised Early Years Admissions Policy as noted in Appendix 2;
 - (iv) agree that the Director of Children's Services progress with decant proposal for Inchlair ELC Centre as outlined in Section 4.1 (ii);
 - (v) note the updated financial positions as detailed in Sections 6.1 and 6.2; and
 - (vi) request that the Director of Children's Services continues to keep the Education, Children & Young People Executive updated on progress with the expansion plans.

3. Background

- 3.1 Since the previous report approved by the Education, Children and Young People Executive on 19 November 2019, Officers have been busy working on and engaged in:

- finalising the last tranche of project designs;
- progressing the procurement and tendering of the final projects;
- planning for the recruitment of the additional staff required for 2020;
- ensuring that the Scottish Government, via the Scottish Futures Trust/Improvement Service are kept updated on the expansion plan progress;
- finalising the required changes to the Early Years Admissions Policy;
- reviewing and re-assessing projected demands for places across all of the Early Years Estate; and
- liaising with Private Nursery Partners to agree a “sustainable rate” to be implemented from August 2020.

3.2 Further details of the current programme workstreams are contained in this report.

4 Considerations

4.1 Major Projects – Update

- (i) Glenburn ELC Centre (Hallglen) (Ward 7)
 - Work is now almost complete on-site and the establishment is expected to be handed over in February 2020.
- (ii) Inchlair Amalgamated Site (Ward 4)
 - The tender for the extension and refurbishment work has been accepted, via the Scottish Procurement Framework (SPF) and work will start on site summer 2020, with an estimated completion date of October 2020. The estimated cost of this project is c £1.1m.
 - Following discussions with parents, Officers are proposing decant provision for the period August – October 2020 at Larbert Day Nursery where 1140 hours of provision will be available.
- (iii) Woodburn ELC Centre (Ward 6)
 - The tender for the new build facility has been accepted, via the SPF and work is expected to start on-site in February 2020 as soon as the demolition work has finished.
 - The estimated cost of this project is c £1.0m.
- (iv)

<u>Kinglass Social Work Office (Ward 1)</u> <u>Nethermain PS (Ward 3)</u> <u>Moray PS (Oxgangs) (Ward 2)</u> <u>Westquarter Outdoor Area (Ward 8)</u>	<u>Carron PS (Ward 4)</u> <u>Laurieston PS (Ward 8)</u> <u>Head of Muir PS (Ward 3)</u>
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 - The contract for these 7 projects have been agreed via direct appointment through the SPF. Officers are currently discussing the final on-site arrangements and timeframes with the contractors. Further details will be provided in the next update report.

- Owing to the nature of the on-site work needed at Carron Primary School, it may require decant arrangements. Officers will be discussing this with the contractor and the school, before speaking to parents about the possible arrangements.

(v) Carronshore Primary School (Ward 4)

- The tender for the new modular facility has been accepted, via the SPF and a start date is currently being discussed with the contractor.
- The estimated cost of this project is c £0.7m.

(vi) St Margaret's Primary School (Ward 8)

- Officers are currently assessing the on-site options to enable the existing capacity for 3 – 5 year olds to be increased in order to meet the expected growth in demand within the Ward.

(vii) Denny Primary School (Ward 3)

- This complex project involves several individual on-site projects; boiler room upgrade, internal refurbishment (school and former CLD building) and an extension. This work is currently being retendered.
- The estimated cost of this project is c£2.5m.

4.2 Update on All Remaining Infrastructure Projects

A summary of the remaining 26 infrastructure work projects can be found in **Appendix 1.**

4.3 Funded Partner Providers

A meeting was held with all of the funded partner providers in December to further progress the financial analysis work that will support the agreement of a “sustainable hourly rate” from August 2020. Officers are also liaising with our Regional Improvement Collaborative partners regarding this particular workstream.

4.4 Childminders

Falkirk, through collaborative work with the Scottish Childminding Association (SCMA) currently have **46** childminders in partnership agreements. Officers are continually monitoring parental demand for childminders to ensure that we have sufficient capacity in place.

4.5 Proposed Revised Early Years Admissions Policy

The new proposed Early Years Admissions Policy is attached as **Appendix 2.** Officers have, over the last few months, been working on revising and updating this proposed new Policy to ensure it reflects the key changes required for the universal implementation of the early years expansion programme from August 2020. The key changes which are reflected in the new proposed policy are:

- It reflects the hierarchical priority order of admissions that are required to meet both the catchment and ward area needs;
- It confirms the priority given to children who have additional support needs;
- It now includes eligible 2 year olds within the policy: and

- It confirms the “Blended Care Option” available to families

4.6 Scottish Government / COSLA

The Scottish Government and COSLA recently issued a helpful check list/self-assessment questionnaire to all local authorities that seeks to ensure an appropriate level of governance, scrutiny and communication have been adopted by Officers during the ELC Expansion Programme. Officers are currently reviewing this.

4.7 Use of ELC Establishments for Community Use

Officers are assessing and collating information on this workstream and will report on this later in the year.

4.8 Early Intervention and Support for Children and Vulnerable Families

It is widely recognised that in order to support the needs of children and families who will now be accessing significantly enhanced statutory ELC provision from a much earlier stage that additional resources will be required to allow supportive early intervention work to take place. This will require professional support to be offered and provided to both children with additional needs and to vulnerable families who require it.

Officers from Education and Children and Families Social Work envisage that such support will require to be provided in a conjoined but multi-disciplinary way through:

- Early Years staff
- Support for learning staff
- Family Support teams
- Central Support System co-ordination

Whilst the full requirement and roll-out of such support is currently unknown, as it will be demand lead, the Director of Children’s Services has provisionally allocated £500k of revenue resources to ensure that Officers can provide the necessary support to those children and families who require it. This resource can be met from the existing finances available.

4.9 ELC Workforce – Recruitment & Development

Officers are currently progressing the final phase of the recruitment process to ensure that we have the appropriate number of suitably qualified staff in place by August 2020. Up to December 2019 a total of **215** additional staff have been recruited. It is expected that this total will exceed **300** by August 2020.

4.10 ELC Communication

To further support and provide advice to families who will be faced with making choices over ELC provision that is available, Officers will be based in the Howgate Shopping Centre, Falkirk during February and March 2020. This approach follows the positive feedback received when Officers were based in Callendar Square Shopping Centre for a month last year.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Officers will continue to consult with appropriate stakeholder including parents, trade unions and colleagues working on the Strategic Property Review as required as the Expansion Plans continue to be developed and rolled out.
- 5.2 Officers are also planning another Member Briefing Session soon.

6. Implications

Financial / Resources

6.1 Capital Funding

A summary of the projected year end position for 2019/20 is as follows:-

	£m	
Funding balance b/fwd at 01/04/2019	3.490	(inc. CFCR adjustment)
2019/20 Funding	<u>6.800</u>	
Funding available to 31/03/2020	10.290	
Projected expenditure to 31/03/2020	<u>(5.260)</u>	
Projected Year End Carry Forward at 31/03/2020	<u>£5.030</u>	

As reported in Section 4.1 discussions with successful contractors are underway to agree start dates on a number of large projects. It is hoped that on-site work can commence on some of these projects prior to 31 March 2020, so the above projected expenditure could increase accordingly.

6.2 Revenue Funding

A summary of the projected year end position for 2019/20 is as follows:-

	£m
Funding Grant for 2019/20	10.363
Projected expenditure to 31/03/2020	<u>9.153</u>
Projected Year End Carry Forward at 31/03/2020	<u>£1.210</u>

These projections reflect the resource allocations referred to in Section 4.8.

Overall Officers from Children's, Development and Finance Services will continue to liaise and work collegiately to ensure that the Expansion Programme can be delivered within the overall quantum of available funding.

Legal

- 6.3 Current plans have been developed in recognition of the relevant Statutory Guidance that has been issued in relation to the Early Years Learning and Childcare Duties within the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

Risk

- 6.4 The key inherent risks associated with this major project are:

- delivery of infrastructure expansion projects on time;
- ensuring that planned expenditure is kept in line with resources;
- ensuring we have sufficient staff recruited on time; and
- potential disruption to the supply chain as a result of price inflation or non-availability of materials linked to Brexit.
- Officers are considering and reviewing contingency plans in liaison with external providers.

Equalities

- 6.5 Where it has been possible to do so, deprivation rankings (free school meal entitlement), have been used as a basis to prioritise Early Years Expansion Plans. This provides a clear and recognised methodology for expansion planning and supports the aim of reducing inequalities and improving outcomes in a targeted manner.

The removal of snack charges for parents within our early years establishments also support and furthers the aims and ambitions of the Council's Poverty Strategy - Towards a Fairer Falkirk 2019-2024.

This project also provides additional support for those children who have disabilities.

Sustainability/Environmental Impact

- 6.6 All project work has been developed taking cognisance of these areas.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 The expansion programme is now in both a very exiting yet extremely challenging period. With the majority of the project workstreams now at the contract implementation stages Officers will now focus their attention to the monitoring of contractors performance as the final elements of the infrastructure developments slowly emerge.

In additional to the asset infrastructure projects, Officers will also be progressing with further recruitment and the vital wider assessment of the early intervention support needs that will require to be in place to meet the wide diversity of needs across a range of client groups, including vulnerable families.

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Appendix 1 Summary of planned work for all of the remaining infrastructure projects
Appendix 2 New Proposed Early Years Admissions Policy

List of Background Papers - None

CS - ELC Expansion Programme

Appendix 1
07/01/2020

Summary of Remaining Infrastructure Work Projects at January 2020 (26)

Ward No	Establishment	Model	Planned Infrastructure Work Scheduled	Est. Comp. Date	Note
1	Bo'ness Public PS	1a	Minor kitchen alterations to accommodate a hot holding trolley	Apr-20	
	Deanburn PS	1a	Minor kitchen alterations to accommodate a hot holding trolley	Apr-20	
	Kinniel PS	1b	Minor Nursery refurb & the creation of a production kitchen for the school/area	Aug-20	
	Kinglass ELC	3	Refurb & extension	Aug-20	
2	Beancross PS	1a	Minor kitchen alterations to accommodate a hot holding trolley & the provision of additional toilets.	Aug-20	
	Moray PS	3	Refurb & conversion of existing Oxbang school to an ELCC including the creation of a new external play space.	Aug-20	
3	Denny PS	1a	Extension & refurb of the existing CLD building	Oct-20	i
	Dunipace PS	1a	Minor alterations, creation of an external door	Jul-20	
	Nethermain PS	1a	Expansion of the nursery by knocking through to two adjacent classrooms, creating a new servery kitchen & additional toilets	Jul-20	
	Head of Muir PS	1a	Convert 3 existing classrooms to create a new nursery space including the creation of a new external play space.	Aug-20	
4	Carron PS	1a	Extension to existing nursery	Aug-20	
	Carronshore PS	1a	New Stand alone modular unit	Aug-20	
	Inchlair ELCC	3	Extension and internal refurbishment of existing nursery	Oct-20	
5	Larbert Village	1a	Minor kitchen alterations to accommodate a hot holding trolley	Apr-20	
6	Callander Park ELCC	3	On hold	On hold	
	St Andrew's PS	1a	Modular extension to existing nursery	Aug-20	
	St Francis PS	1a	New Stand alone modular unit	Aug-20	
	Woodburn ELCC	3	Demolition of existing building scheduled New replacement Nursery built on existing site	Feb-20 Aug-20	
7	Hallglen ELCC	3	New build currently in progress.	Jan-20	
	Comely Park PS	1a	Installation of a new servery kitchen	Aug-20	
8	Lauriston PS	1a	Conversion of the current 2s Rm and the extension of the external playspace.	Aug-20	
	St Margaret's PS	3	Modular extension to the existing nursery.	Aug-20	
	Westquarter PS	1a	Satellite nursery to the rear of the school & improvement to existing external play space	Aug-20	
9	Wallacestone PS	1a	Minor kitchen alterations to accommodate a hot holding trolley	Dec-20 Aug-20	i
	Maddiston PS	3	New purpose built Nursery on school site		
	Shieldhill PS	3	New Stand alone modular unit		

Notes

- i 1140 hours of ELC will still be provided for children enrolled at these establishments



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Children's Services

EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE

ADMISSIONS POLICY

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Updated Jan 2020 (as per C&YP Executive)

This policy supersedes all previous statements on Early Learning and Childcare Admission

1 INTRODUCTION

(i) Background

Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) is a vital stage in a child's learning and development and helps children to learn through play. A high quality early learning and childcare experience builds on the rich learning from home and wider life experiences. It promotes the development of other essential skills that children will rely on in later life.

Children greatly enjoy and benefit from playing and sharing their learning with other children. ELC settings and Funded Providers are staffed by qualified practitioners and leaders who work as teams within settings to respond to children's needs and interests in a nurturing, caring and child friendly environment. Learning experiences, which are developmentally appropriate, provide children with opportunities to be effective communicators, be creative and curious, to explore, experiment and pursue their interests, collaborate and make lasting friendships.

All providers of government funded early learning and childcare are currently inspected by the Care Inspectorate and Education Scotland. Practitioners follow national guidelines for the learning and care of children aged 0-5 years that encourage learning through play.

Eligible children are entitled to a maximum of 1140 hours of Early Learning and Childcare per annum.

The usual pattern of attendance is 9am – 3pm over 38 weeks (school term time) however Falkirk Council also offers other extended model options. The full range of options are in Appendix 1.

Funding will be provided for a maximum of 10 hours in any one session.

(ii) Policy Purpose and Aims

The Admission Policy ensures that early learning and childcare places are allocated fairly and equitably in accordance with national legislation and policy.

In Falkirk we have developed our approach to expansion of early learning and childcare in line with the Scottish Government's key themes by ensuring:

- flexibility
- accessibility
- quality
- affordability

In addition to the above, general principles also apply:

- All ELC provision is non-denominational.
- An ELC establishment must have at least eight children who attend on a regular basis before it is deemed viable to ensure an appropriate educational experience.

2 EARLY LEARNING & CHILDCARE PROVISION AND OPTIONS IN FALKIRK

Falkirk Council presides over a mixed-economy of 5 different early learning and childcare provisions comprising:

- ELC Class within a primary school (under the management of the Head Teacher)
- ELC Centres
- Childminders
- Private sector partners
- Third-sector partners

A full list of Falkirk's ELC provision is contained in Appendix 1.

Blended Care Option

Parent/Carers can opt to have a 'blended care' option for their child that best suits their own circumstances. In order to support consistency for children, a maximum of **2** care provisions are allowed as part of the blended care option.

Note: This cannot be with **2** Band A establishments (i.e. ELC Classes within primary schools).

3 APPLICATION PROCESS

(i) How To Apply For A Place

Information on applying for places is made available in a variety of ways including Council website, local newspapers, Falkirk Council Twitter and Facebook, posters in doctors surgeries, libraries and sports centres.

An Application Can Be Obtained By

- downloading from falkirk.gov.uk website
- collecting a form from any educational establishment

Completed application forms can be handed in to any educational establishment or be sent to:

Early Learning and Childcare Admissions Officer Sealock House 2 Inchyra Road Grangemouth FK3 9XB
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Proof of residence (council tax bill, utility bill, driving licence, tenancy agreement, or annual mortgage statement) is required as well as child's birth certificate.

(ii) Submitting An Application

Applications are required to be received by Children's Services **no later than 31 March for the forthcoming academic session** as the allocations process begins in April each year.

Once an allocation has been accepted, this is your child's placement until transitioning to primary school, unless alternative requests are made.

Children who have secured a place through the Eligible 2s process and children within ELC Centres under the age of 3 MUST submit an application for their child's universal entitlement to Early Learning and Childcare for the ante preschool year regardless of whether you wish to stay in the current establishment or not. The allocation criteria will be applied to all applications.

Parents can submit an application form prior to the registration period however, this will not influence any priority for a place.

(iii) Late Applications

Applications received after 31 March will be considered as late and will be dealt with after those received on time. This may restrict the availability of places and the choice of establishments.

(iv) Number of Establishment Preferences

Parents should indicate a **first**, **second** and **third** choice of nursery. Should the first choice not be available, the second and third choice nurseries will be allocated using the priority criteria outlined in Appendix 2. The application for the first choice nursery will remain on a waiting list should a place become available.

(v) Timelines

The annual timeline for receiving, processing and allocating places is as follows:

April	Allocate new applications for next session (starting August) (for all children born 1 March – 29 February)
May	Letters sent out to parents by the end of the 2 nd week in May offering a place. Parents need to respond within 2 weeks.
May onwards	Process late applications and non-catchment
Throughout Year	Monitoring available spaces, dealing with movements within establishments i.e. transfers, change of patterns, staffing etc

If you require to change your child's nursery or pattern of attendance you must contact the Admissions Team on 506661/506611 or by email NAMS@falkirk.gov.uk. You are required to give at least 2 week's notice before changing any pattern. Your child's nursery are unable to confirm any changes to attendance.

4 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Eligible children are entitled to 1140 hours of early learning and childcare per annum according to the following dates of birth:

(i) 'Preschool' child

Date of birth is on or between 1 March 2016 and the 28 February 2017. He/she will be eligible for a funded early learning and childcare place in August 2020.

(ii) Ante preschool child

Date of birth is on or between 1 March 2017 and the 28 February 2018. He/she will be eligible for a funded place as follows:

Date of Birth	Funded Place Available From
1 March 2017 – 31 July 2017	Phased in from the start of the August term 2020
1 August 2017 - 28 February 2018	The start of the calendar month after their 3rd birthday

(iii) Eligible 2 year olds

2-year-old children who are eligible for a funded place under the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014, who meet the following criteria :

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Looked after • Under a kinship care order • Have a parent appointed guardian
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or

for those whose parent or carer is in receipt of benefits listed below:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Income support • Jobseeker's Allowance (income-based) • Employment Support Allowance (income-based) • Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disablement Allowance • Pension Credit • Child Tax Credit (CTC), but not Working Tax Credit and your income is less than £16,105 • Both Maximum CTC and maximum Working Tax Credit and your income is under £7,320 • Support under Part VI of the immigration and Asylum Act 1999 • Universal Credit with household take-home pay is £610 a month or less
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Note : The income thresholds for Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit can change annually.

Availability of Places

Children that have met the criteria will be eligible to commence a funded place as follows:

Date of Birth	Funded Place Available From
1 March 2018 - 31 July 2018	Phased in from the start of term in August
1 August 2018 - 28 February 2019	The start of the calendar month after the 2nd birthday

(iv) Deferred Entry To Primary School

If you wish to consider deferring your child's entry to school and wish an additional year of early learning and childcare for your child, please contact the Headteacher/Head of Centre or Manager of the centre that your child currently attends. You will be given an application form to complete.

5 PRIORITY CRITERIA

All places are allocated in line with the priority hierarchy outlined in Appendix 2. Every effort will be made to meet parental first choice of setting however, this cannot be guaranteed and is dependent on the number of places available and the priority given to applications.

(i) Band A Establishment

Where 1140 hours is usually delivered as 30 hours per week (9am – 3pm) over 38 weeks (school term time).

(ii) Band B Establishment

There are establishments in each area of Falkirk that offer alternative flexible patterns of attendance between 8am and 6pm over 48.6 weeks per annum.

The full list of all Early Years establishments are provided in Appendix 1.

(iii) Admissions for BAND A Establishments

In cases where the demand for a place at an early learning and childcare setting is greater than places available priority is given as follows:

Priority 1: Children who are looked after either temporarily or long term as specified in the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 are also in this category

Priority 2: Resident within the primary school catchment

a ASN (see Appendix 3)

b Children who have applied for an additional pre-school year (deferred year), where the intention is for them to remain within their existing establishment.

c Children who are in their pre-school year.

d Children who are in their ante pre-school year.

Priority 3: Resident within the ward boundary

a - d (as above)

Priority 4: Resident within Falkirk Council area

a – d (as above)

Priority 5: Resident out with Falkirk

a – d (as above)

(iv) Admissions for BAND B Establishments

In cases where the demand for a place at an early learning and childcare setting is greater than places available priority is given as follows:

Priority 1: Children who are looked after either temporarily or long term as specified in the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 are also in this category

Priority 2: Resident within the ward boundary

a ASN (see Appendix 3)

b Children who have applied for an additional pre-school year (deferred year), where the intention is for them to remain within their existing establishment.

c Children who are in their pre-school year.

d Children who are in their ante pre-school year.

Priority 3: Resident within Falkirk Council area

a – d (as above)

Priority 4: Resident out with Falkirk

a - d (as above)

All applications within each priority are allocated in Date of Birth order.

6 PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL/"WRAPAROUND" PROVISION

- Band B settings operate flexible options whereby parent/carers can purchase additional 'wraparound' hours over the funded hours to support working families. These additional hours are subject to availability. An annual contract will be created and invoices raised on a monthly basis.
- The availability of "wraparound" provision is only available within establishments that have surplus capacity.
- If you require to change your child's ELC establishment or pattern of attendance you must contact the Admissions Team on 506661/506611 or by email NAMS@falkirk.gov.uk. You are required to give at least 2 week's notice before changing any pattern.
- Your child's ELC establishment are unable to confirm any changes to attendance, as this will be dealt with by our Central ELC Admissions Team.

7 STARTING NURSERY

Parents will be informed directly by ELC Admissions Team of their child's ELC placements.

Once acceptance is received by the ELC Admissions Team, the ELC setting will contact parents to make arrangements for starting nursery and confirm a start date. Each setting has its own policy for welcoming and settling new children and families.

8 CONTACT INFORMATION

Telephone ELC Admissions Team 01324 506661/506611
Email: nams@falkirk.gov.uk

Summary of Band A and Band B Establishments

Ward 1 – Bo'ness and Blackness (6)					
Establishment	Model	Band A		Band B	
		E2s	3-5	E2s	3-5
St Mary's	1a		•		
Grange	1a		•		
Bo'ness Public	1a		•		
Deanburn	1a		•		
Kinneil	1b	•	•		
Kinglass ELC Centre	3			•	•

Ward 2 – Grangemouth (5)					
Establishment	Model	Band A		Band B	
		E2s	3-5	E2s	3-5
Bowhouse	1a		•		
Beancross	1a		•		
Moray ELC Centre	3				•
Rannoch ELC Centre	3	•			•
Sacred Heart	1a		•		

Ward 3 – Denny and Banknock (7)					
Establishment	Model	Band A		Band B	
		E2s	3-5	E2s	3-5
Nethermain	1a		•		
Bankier	1a		•		
St Patrick's	1a		•		
Denny ELC Centre	3	•			•
Denny	1a		•		
Dunipace	1a		•		
Head of Muir	1a		•		

Ward 4 - Carse, Kinnaird and Tryst (7)					
Establishment	Model	Band A		Band B	
		E2s	3-5	E2s	3-5
Airth	1a		•		
St Bernadette's	1a		•		
Stenhousemuir	1a		•		
Carron	1a		•		
Carronshore	1a		•		
Kinnaird Waters ELC Centre	3				•
Inchclair/Larbert ELC Centre	3	•			•

Ward 5 – Bonnybridge and Larbert (5)					
Establishment	Model	Band A		Band B	
		E2s	3-5	E2s	3-5
St Joseph's	1a		•		
Ladeside	1a		•		
Bonnypark ELC Centre	3	•			•
Antonine	1a		•		
Larbert Village	1a		•		

Ward 6 – Falkirk North (8)					
Establishment	Model	Band A		Band B	
		E2s	3-5	E2s	3-5
Langlees ELC Centre	2		•		
Bainsford	1a		•		
Victoria	1a		•		
St Andrew's	1a		•		
St Francis	1a		•		
Camelon ELC Centre	3	•			•
Woodburn ELC Centre	3	•			•

Ward 7 – Falkirk South (5)					
Establishment	Model	Band A		Band B	
		E2s	3-5	E2s	3-5
Carmuir	1a		•		
Easter Carmuir	1a		•		
Bantaskin	1a		•		
Glenburn ELC Centre	3	•			•
Comely Park	1a		•		

Ward 8 – Lower Braes (3)					
Establishment	Model	Band A		Band B	
		E2s	3-5	E2s	3-5
Laurieston	1a		•		
St Margaret's ELC Centre	3	•			•
Westquarter	1a		•		

Ward 9 – Upper Braes (7)					
Establishment	Model	Band A		Band B	
		E2s	3-5	E2s	3-5
Avonbridge	1a		•		
California	1a		•		
Slamannan	1b	•	•		
Whitecross	1a		•		
Wallacestone	1a		•		
Maddiston ELC Centre	3				•
Shieldhill	1a		•		

List of Funded Private Partner ELC Establishment

Name	Address
Bright Beginnings Nursery Falkirk	21 St Crispin's Place, Falkirk, FK1 1QF
Carousel Childcare	8 Merchiston Road, Falkirk, FK2 7JP
Cherry Tree Nursery	East Beancross Farm, Falkirk, FK2 0XS
First Steps Day Nursery (Longcroft)	Allandale View, Glasgow Road, Longcroft, Bonnybridge, FK4 1QN
Glenbervie Kindergarten (Brightons)	Rough Haugh Farm, Sunnyside Road, Brightons, Falkirk, FK2 0RN
Glenbervie Kindergarten (Carrongrange)	Carrongrange Avenue, Stenhousemuir, Larbert, FK5 3BQ
Glenbervie Kindergarten (Larbert)	Graham Avenue, Larbert, FK5 4PF
Kool Kidz (Denny)	34 Winchester Avenue, Denny, FK6 6QE
Little Stars Nursery	2 Stadium Way, Falkirk, FK2 9EE
The Kidz Stop	151 Dean Road, Bo'ness, EH51 0HE
Tiptoes Nursery	Valeview, Stenhousemuir, Larbert, FK5 3BY
Wellside Kindergarten	12 Wellside Place, Falkirk, FK1 5RL
Zetland Nursery	50A Bo'ness Road, Grangemouth, FK3 8AF

Admission Priority for BAND A Establishments

In cases where the demand for a place at an early learning and childcare setting is greater than places available priority is given as follows:

Priority 1	Children who are looked after either temporarily or long term as specified in the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 are also in this category.	
Priority 2	Resident within the primary school catchment	
	a	ASN (see Appendix 3)
	b	Children who have applied for an additional pre-school year (deferred year), where the intention is for them to remain within their existing establishment.
	c	Children who are in their pre-school year.
	d	Children who are in their ante pre-school year.
Priority 3	Resident with the ward boundary	
	a	ASN (see Appendix 3)
	b	Children who have applied for an additional pre-school year (deferred year), where the intention is for them to remain within their existing establishment.
	c	Children who are in their pre-school year.
	d	Children who are in their ante pre-school year.
Priority 4	Resident within Falkirk Council area	
	a	ASN (see Appendix 3)
	b	Children who have applied for an additional pre-school year (deferred year), where the intention is for them to remain within their existing establishment.
	c	Children who are in their pre-school year.
	d	Children who are in their ante pre-school year.
Priority 5	Resident out with Falkirk	
	a	ASN (see Appendix 3)
	b	Children who have applied for an additional pre-school year (deferred year), where the intention is for them to remain within their existing establishment.
	c	Children who are in their pre-school year.
	d	Children who are in their ante pre-school year.

Admissions for BAND B Establishments

In cases where the demand for a place at an early learning and childcare setting is greater than places available priority is given as follows:

Priority 1	Children who are looked after either temporarily or long term as specified in the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 are also in this category.	
Priority 2	Resident with the ward boundary	
	a	ASN (see Appendix 3)
	b	Children who have applied for an additional pre-school year (deferred year), where the intention is for them to remain within their existing establishment.
	c	Children who are in their pre-school year.
	d	Children who are in their ante pre-school year.
Priority 3	Resident within Falkirk Council area	
	a	ASN (see Appendix 3)
	b	Children who have applied for an additional pre-school year (deferred year), where the intention is for them to remain within their existing establishment.
	c	Children who are in their pre-school year.
	d	Children who are in their ante pre-school year.
Priority 4	Resident out with Falkirk	
	a	ASN (see Appendix 3)
	b	Children who have applied for an additional pre-school year (deferred year), where the intention is for them to remain within their existing establishment.
	c	Children who are in their pre-school year.
	d	Children who are in their ante pre-school year.

If you wish to find out what your catchment area or council ward is then you can enter your postcode at <https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/> to find out.

Additional Support Needs Criteria

Children with additional support needs will be given priority. This includes:-

- Any child who has been referred by the Psychological Service or Health Service advising of additional support needs. This will be supported by the appropriate documentation outlining the child's needs for support in nursery.
- Children who are referred by Social Work Services, that is to say any child who has been specifically referred by Social Work Services (usually the family Social Worker), though the child may not necessarily be on the Child Protection Register.
- Children who are disabled or affected by disability, that is to say any child who is disabled or who is a member of a family with a disabled person where this disability has an effect on the child's normal life. Such claims should be verified by the Early Learning and Childcare Provision Coordinator in consultation with health professionals if necessary.
- Children who are affected by parental illness, that is to say any child who is affected short term by the emergency admission to hospital of the parent or affected long term by a parent's ill health. Such claims must be verified and catered for within current staffing allocations and may be time-limited.
- Children who come from a non-English speaking home, that is to say any child whose use of English is minimal or non-existent.