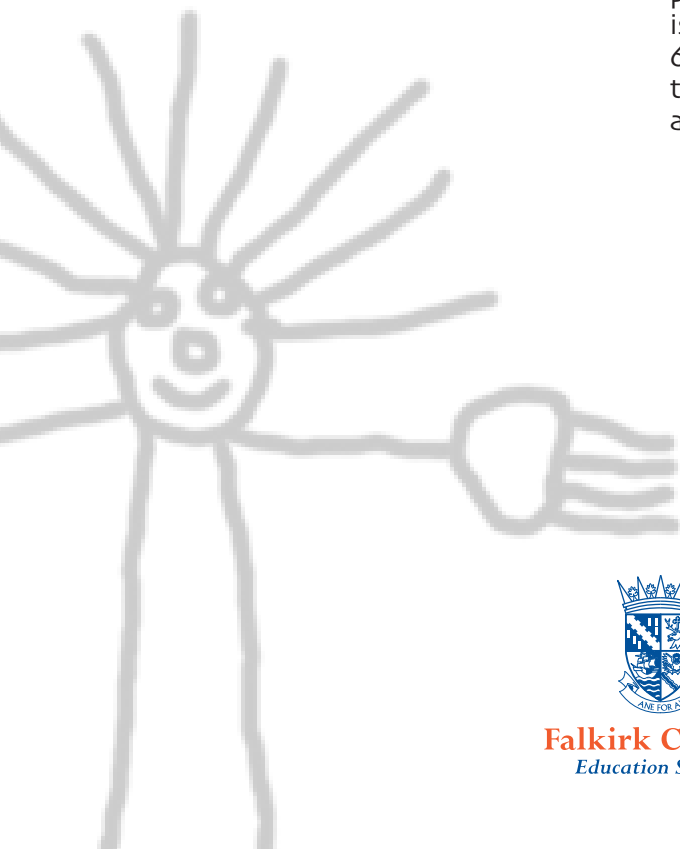


Pre-School Education

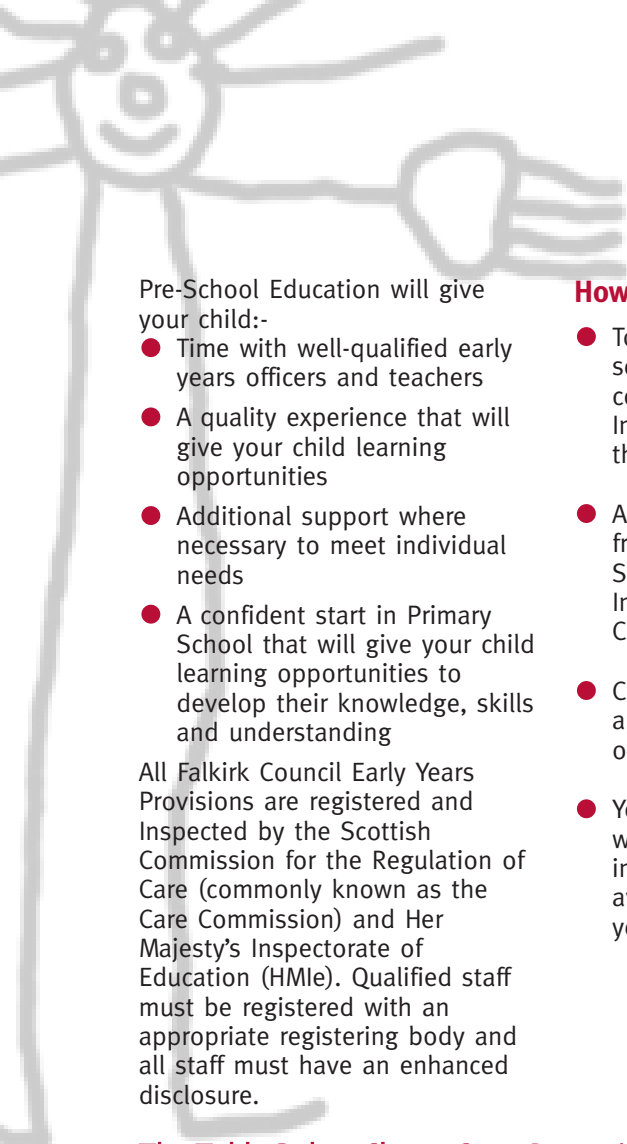
Falkirk Childcare Information Service

Did you know that pre-school education is available in over 60 establishments in the Falkirk Council area?



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Pre-School Education will give your child:-

- Time with well-qualified early years officers and teachers
- A quality experience that will give your child learning opportunities
- Additional support where necessary to meet individual needs
- A confident start in Primary School that will give your child learning opportunities to develop their knowledge, skills and understanding

All Falkirk Council Early Years Provisions are registered and Inspected by the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care (commonly known as the Care Commission) and Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIe). Qualified staff must be registered with an appropriate registering body and all staff must have an enhanced disclosure.

How to Apply for a Place

- To find out details of pre-school provision in your area contact Falkirk Childcare Information Service or visit the website.
- Application forms are available from all Nurseries, Primary Schools, Falkirk Childcare Information Service and Falkirk Council website.
- Complete and return a nursery application form to the nursery of your choice.
- You will be contacted, in writing by the nursery, to inform you about the availability of a place for your child.

The Table Below Shows Start Dates According to Your Child's Birthday

Age	Birthday Between	Start
3 Years	1st March and 31 August	August
	1st September and 31st December	January
4 Years	1st January and 28th February	April
	1st March and 28th February	August

The Vision Statement for Early Years in Falkirk Council can be accessed at www.falkirk.gov.uk/preschool.

Hours

All pre-school centres offer five 2½ hour sessions. Additional hours may be available in some facilities. You will be charged a fee for these additional hours.

Education

All pre-school centres follow the 'Curriculum Framework for Children 3 to 5' and 'A Curriculum for Excellence', which focus on children's learning through play and help children to become:-

- Successful learners
- Confident individuals
- Responsible citizens
- Effective contributors

Partnerships

All Falkirk Council Day Nurseries, Nursery Classes and Nursery Schools offer pre-school education. Falkirk Council Education Services are also in partnership with some Private Nurseries and Playgroups (Commissioned Partners) to supply pre-school education.

Commissioned Partners are registered to provide pre-school education and undergo similar inspection to Falkirk Council Centres.

Details of availability and costs can be obtained directly from individual Commissioned Partners.

Useful Links

Falkirk Council

www.falkirk.gov.uk
General information and leaflets

Curriculum Framework for Children 3 to 5

www.ltscotland.org.uk or
www.scotland.gov.uk

A Curriculum for Excellence

www.ltscotland.org.uk or
www.scotland.gov.uk

Care Commission

www.carecommission.com
Inspection reports are available

HMIe

www.hmie.gov.uk
Inspection reports are available

General Teaching Council for Scotland GTCS

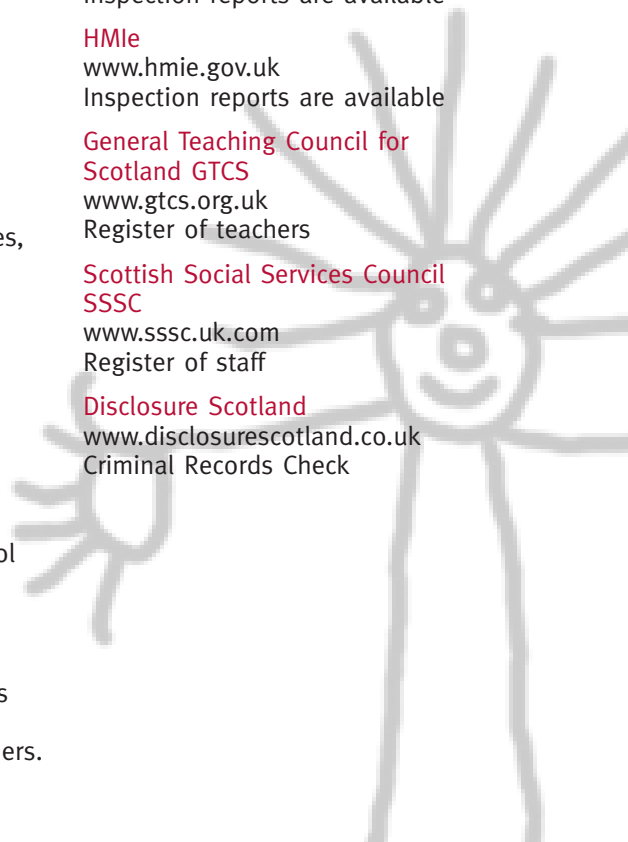
www.gtcs.org.uk
Register of teachers

Scottish Social Services Council SSSC

www.sssc.uk.com
Register of staff

Disclosure Scotland

www.disclosurescotland.co.uk
Criminal Records Check



Tips and Information

Further details regarding Registration & Inspection, Questions to Ask and other Top Tips can be found in Falkirk Childcare Information Service Making Choices leaflet. Please phone and ask for a copy or download from Falkirk Council website. This leaflet is also available in Cantonese and Urdu.

How do I find a pre-school centre?

Falkirk Childcare Information Service can provide you with full details and also a wide range of information on childcare provision, pre-school education and childcare issues.

Phone - 01324 506632

Fax - 01324 506604

Email - childcare@falkirk.gov.uk

Website -

www.scottishchildcare.gov.uk



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