

# Choosing a Private Nursery



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## *Falkirk Childcare Information Service*



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Care Commission	● Regulation of care services & inspection reports	<a href="http://www.carecommission.com">www.carecommission.com</a>
Care Standards	● What to expect from care services	<a href="http://www.infoscotland.com/nationalcarestandards">www.infoscotland.com/nationalcarestandards</a>
Child Protection Line	● Worried about a child? Call 0800 022 3222	<a href="http://www.infoscotland.com/childprotection">www.infoscotland.com/childprotection</a>
Disclosure Scotland	● Criminal records check organisation	<a href="http://www.disclosurescotland.co.uk">www.disclosurescotland.co.uk</a>
Falkirk Council	● Local authority, information & leaflets available	<a href="http://www.falkirk.gov.uk">www.falkirk.gov.uk</a>
Fire Safety	● Fire Law in Scotland	<a href="http://www.infoscotland.com/firelaw">www.infoscotland.com/firelaw</a>
HMIE	● Education inspection reports	<a href="http://www.hmie.gov.uk">www.hmie.gov.uk</a>
Scottish Government	● Government information and Care Standards	<a href="http://www.scotland.gov.uk">www.scotland.gov.uk</a>
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### How do I find a Private Nursery?

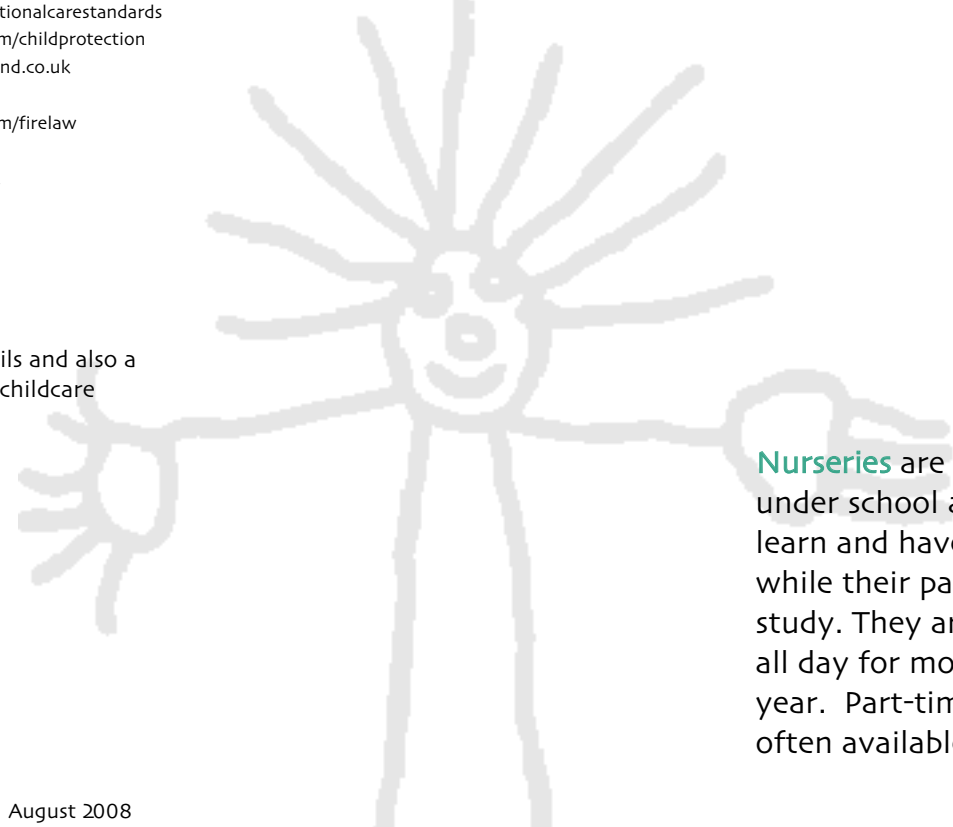
Falkirk Childcare Information Service can provide you with full details and also a wide range of information on childcare provision, pre-school education and childcare issues.

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**Nurseries** are for children under school age to play and learn and have fun in groups while their parents work or study. They are usually open all day for most weeks in the year. Part-time places are often available.



**Nurseries are run by a team of staff and activities are planned to help children enjoy learning. At nursery, children are involved in activities such as playing, learning new skills and making friends.**

Nurseries have different ways of operating so look around for one that suits your child and you.

Your nursery may be a Commissioned Partner provider, which means that they are in partnership with Falkirk Council Education Services to supply Pre-School Education on behalf of the Council. For more information regarding Pre-School Education, contact Falkirk Childcare Information Service.

### Plus points

- Opportunities for children to learn and play with friends
- Usually geared to the needs of children with working parents
- Some nurseries offer free,

part-time early education or pre-school places for children aged three and four.

### How do I know my child will be safe and secure?

First of all, you know your child best - look for a nursery you feel will be suitable for your child. Ask to see the nursery's registration certificate and latest inspection report and ask questions regarding their service.

Services are registered with the Scottish Commission for the Regulation of Care (commonly known as the Care Commission). Qualified staff must be registered with an appropriate registering body and all staff must have an enhanced disclosure.

A check on the nursery premises is carried out to make sure the building is safe and suitable for children. After registration an annual inspection will be carried out to make sure the nursery is continuing to provide a safe and suitable service and

environment for young children.

### How many children will there be in a nursery?

The average nursery will provide places for between 26 and 40 children although some are smaller and others larger. Children are usually divided into much smaller groups based on their age.

### What age range are the children in a nursery?

Nurseries are for children aged up to school age. Some nurseries have places for babies and toddlers as well as for children aged three to five. Some nurseries are part of childcare schemes, which also provide childcare for older children.

### When are nurseries open?

Most nurseries open around 7am to 8am and close at around 6pm. Some offer different hours for the children of people working shifts. Most nurseries are open all year round except for public holidays.

### What about part-time childcare?

Many nurseries are happy to offer you part-time places. Often they organise these into morning and afternoon sessions.

### How much does a nursery cost?

Nursery charges vary in different areas. Expect to pay between £125 and £175 per child per week.

### 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.