

Aberdeenshire Council

Pre-school Admission Policy

Information on Aberdeenshire Council's Early Years Pre-School Admissions process is available online at:

www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/parentcarers/pre_school

Copies are available from the school office and a link can be found on the school's website.

Further Information

For further information on our Extended service Provision please do not hesitate to contact us:

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Childcare and Early Years Education Extended Service

Aberdeenshire Council aims:

- To provide places that meet the needs and demands of children and their families
- To ensure that children in Aberdeenshire have the best start in life and that their wellbeing is supported at the earliest stages
- To allocate places in a fair and transparent manner to all applicants

Meldrum School Vison Statement

Meldrum School aspires to be a vibrant and inclusive learning community where learners can realise their full potential within a safe and nurturing environment, promoting equality and fairness, with a focus on continuous improvement and developing the capacity of all to embrace lifelong learning.



Meldrum School Nursery



Childcare and Early Years Education Extended Service

A Guide for Parents and Carers

Meldrum School Nursery is one of a number of Early Years settings across Aberdeenshire to offer extended nursery provision for children in the 3-5 age group.

Overall Aims

- To provide a number of full day pre-school education and childcare for children aged 3-5 years old
- To support parents to take an active role in their child's development and early learning
- To provide families with access to a wider range of support services
- To ensure children experience high quality learning from skilled Nursery staff



Our Extended Service Provision

Our Extended Provision is offered to parents/carers for a short term period to support families in difficult situations, for example:

- Periods of family stress such as bereavement, long term family illness, family breakdown
- Families looking for support with parenting skills
- Lone parents or young parents under 24
- Children with or affected by disability
- Families affected by unemployment or requiring extra support to remain in employment

Full day sessions will be offered from the start of the morning nursery session until the end of the afternoon session. Lunch will be provided for the children in the Nursery. Our Nursery staff will provide high quality education and support, and parents will be encouraged to work alongside staff to support their child's learning and development.

Access to our Extended Provision will be offered on a time limited basis and should not be considered a permanent

extension to pre-school entitlement. Extended Provision placements will be reviewed regularly, on a once per term/every 8 weeks basis.

How to Access a Place

Places for children aged 3-5 years will be allocated according to Aberdeenshire Council's Pre-School Admissions Policy. See the reverse of this leaflet for further details.

Requests for a place may come from parents via the school, health visitor, social worker, speech and language therapist, physiotherapist, education psychologist or any other agency working directly with the family.

Admission forms must be completed, jointly, by the parent and referrer. This will detail the reasons why a full time place is needed.

Please be assured that confidentiality will be maintained at all times. Application can be made at any time during the school year. All applications will be considered by a Central Panel and a decision made as to whether a place will be offered.

