

Moray Childcare Partnership



Types of Childcare

Registered Childcare is care that is inspected by Social Care and Social Work Improvement Scotland (SCSWIS) against the National Care Standards (Early Education and Childcare up to the age of 16 years) and the associated regulations. Registered Childcare is a service which operates for more than 2 hours and on more than 6 days per year. Unregistered Childcare is care where parents remain responsible for their children or operates for less than 2 hours a day and for less than 6 days per year.

Childminding – A Childminder is self-employed, works from their own home and has to be registered with the appropriate Government regulatory bodies. When registered, a Childminder is checked for references, training, police record and health. His/her home is inspected to make sure it is a safe environment for children. After registration, a Childminder is inspected to ensure he/she continues to provide a safe and suitable service.

Crèche / Mobile Crèche – Crèches provide occasional care for children, normally under the age of 8, giving parents the opportunity to concentrate or take part in other activities such as shopping, sports, learning, etc. They must be registered if they run for more than 2 hours per day, even if individual children attend for shorter periods. Crèches can be used on an ad-hoc basis. They are normally run in community buildings such as village halls, etc.

Day-care – Day-care can offer care for your child all day, either full-time or part-time. It is usually open from around 8am to 7pm, Monday to Friday (all year except Christmas and New Year) and may provide both care and education for your child in suitable surroundings.

Parent and Toddler – Parent and Toddler groups are where parents/carers can relax and chat together while their children play alongside each other. Often set up by parents the groups usually meet for a few hours a week. The parent/carer must stay with the child throughout these sessions; therefore, the groups do not require to be registered.

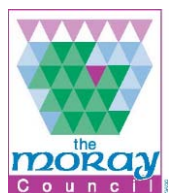
2-3 Group – These groups are for children aged 2-3 years old. Children can play and learn and have fun in groups while their parents work, study, etc. They provide sessions of play for children. Most providers offer morning and/or afternoon sessions.

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Pre-school – Pre-school centres are for children aged 3 and 4 years. Most centres open for sessions of 2 ½ hours in the morning and/or afternoon. Pre-school centres offer Government funded places. The Government funded places are only available during term time. Some pre-school providers offer wrap around care (i.e. this is where additional hours can be added to the 2½ hour session for a fee). In Moray there are 2 types of pre-school – Local Authority nurseries which are based in Primary Schools and Partner Centres who are contracted by the Local Authority to offer 3 or 4 year olds funded places on the Local Authority's behalf. Partner Centres are normally a private business or a voluntary organisation. For information call 01343 563267.

Breakfast Clubs – A Breakfast Club is a place where children can be dropped off before school and enjoy breakfast together. They mainly cater for children between 5 and 11 years. Not all Breakfast Clubs operate from school buildings; therefore, some Breakfast Club staff walk the children to school. Not all Breakfast Clubs are registered as they operate for less than 2 hours per day.

Out of School Care – Out of School Care is a facility for children to go after the school day has finished, they normally operate from around 3pm to 6pm. They mainly cater for children between 5 and 11 years. The club may be in your child's school, another local school or different premises altogether. Sometimes the children will be collected from the school and taken to the club. Taxis or minibuses may also be used. This type of care offers fun and relaxing activities for the children, such as games, sports or craft activities.

Holiday Play Schemes – These operate during school holidays and offer groups of children a range of organised activities, from art and crafts to outings. They are usually open between 8am to 6pm and they mainly cater for children aged 5 to 11 years.

Developmental Playgroups – Developmental Playgroups are specialist groups that cater specifically for children with additional needs. Children are referred via their GP, Social Work Department, etc to these groups. Some of the groups work in partnership with Moray Council to deliver Government funded 3 and 4 year old places. The groups have specialist play and educational toys and equipment.

Childcare by age:

Newborn up to 6 months

Childminding ~ Crèche ~ Day-care ~ Parent and Toddler ~ Developmental Playgroup

Aged 6 months up to 2 years

Childminding ~ Crèche ~ Day-care ~ Parent and Toddler ~ Developmental Playgroup

Aged 2 to 3 years

Childminding ~ Crèche ~ Day-care ~ Parent and Toddler ~ 2-3 Group ~ Developmental Playgroup

Aged 3 up to 5 years

Childminding ~ Crèche ~ Day-care ~ Parent and Toddler ~ Pre-school ~ Developmental Playgroup

Aged 5 to 12 years

Childminding ~ Breakfast Club ~ Out of School Care ~ Developmental Playgroups

School Holidays

Childminding ~ Holiday Play Scheme