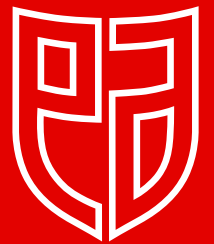


A GUIDE

to **Early Learning and
Childcare in East Ayrshire**
(including the Allocations Policy 2022/23)



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Introduction

Early learning and childcare (ELC) is an important stage in a child's development and helps children to learn through play. A high quality early learning and childcare experience builds on the valuable learning that takes place in and around the home and also 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.

Early childhood centres and funded ELC providers are staffed by practitioners skilled in responding 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 creative and curious, to explore, experiment and pursue their interests, to communicate, collaborate and forge friendships which can last a lifetime.

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.



Entitlement, Funding Follows the Child and the National Standard

All 3 & 4-year olds and eligible 2-year olds have access to 1140 hours of funded early learning and childcare.

That means 30 hours per week Monday to Friday during school term time or around 23 hours a week if taken across a calendar year.

The “Funding Follows the Child” approach was introduced in August 2021 along with the statutory roll out of 1140 hours of early learning and childcare.

The approach ensures that the funded entitlement is delivered in high quality settings that meet the new National Standard for Early Learning and Childcare (ELC). At the heart of the new Standard is a clear and consistent set of quality criteria, to ensure that all settings which offer the funded entitlement are delivering the highest quality early learning and childcare experience.

Providers who meet the new National Standard for ELC, have contracted with a local authority and have a space available can offer your child a funded place. Providers can include:

- Registered childminders
- Private or voluntary sector nurseries
- Local authority early childhood centres

Information on the National Standard can be found here

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/funding-follows-child-national-standard-early-learning-childcare-providers-principles-practice/>

The statutory funded early learning and childcare is an entitlement for children and attendance is not compulsory.

If you are seeking a more flexible pattern of hours for your child, including less than 1140 hours, please discuss this with the Head of Centre/Head Teacher, Depute Manager or Senior Lead Early Learning and Childcare Practitioner.

Making an Application for an Early Learning and Childcare Place

When and where do I make application for a place?

Information on application dates, the ELC Parent Guide and the online application form is published on the Council's website (www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk) and on the Council's Twitter and Facebook pages. This guide sets out the Council's Policy for the allocation of Early Learning and Childcare places.

A guide to early learning and childcare · East Ayrshire Council (east-ayrshire.gov.uk)

When and where to apply · East Ayrshire Council (east-ayrshire.gov.uk)

All places are allocated in line with the priorities outlined in this leaflet e.g. first priority is given to children who meet the criteria set out in Priority 1, then Priority 2 and so on.

Every effort will be made to meet your first choice of centre and preferred pattern of attendance however, this will be dependent on the number of places available and the priority given to applications.

The on-line application will be available from **28 February 2022 to 13 March 2022 – (midnight)**. It is important that you make your application by **13 March 2022** noting your first choice of centre. You should also identify your second choice of centre and preferred pattern of attendance on the application form as there may be occasions when you cannot access a place in your first choice of centre. Applications which do not indicate a second choice may not be considered.

If you wish to apply for a split session place you will need to make an online application for each centre.

Applications received after **13 March 2022** will be allocated in a second phase before or at the start of the new term in August 2022.

To enable appropriate planning to meet all children's needs, parents and carers should note any issues which affect their child i.e specific dietary, medical or toileting needs on the application form.

What early learning and childcare is available?

There are 36 early childhood centres (ECCs) in East Ayrshire – 7 standalone ECCs, and 29 based in primary schools. In addition, the Council has a contract with private and voluntary sector nurseries, known as funded ELC providers and childminders who have met the National Standard for ELC to deliver funded places.

Please see pages 16 to 24 for a full list of ECCs, funded ELC providers, childminders and the 4 models of delivery from August 2022.

If you do not know where your nearest early childhood centre or funded ELC provider is, you can email Education - Early Years Service EarlyYearsAdmissions@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Can I apply for a place in any ECC or Funded Provider (FP)?

Yes, however defined geographic areas apply to early childhood centres and funded ELC providers offering 1140 hours.

Children who reside outwith East Ayrshire and who are cared for by a childminder and/or relative in East Ayrshire will be considered using their home address only.

Applications that meet the criteria under Priorities 3,6 ,7 and 8 will be allocated as per the defined geographic area applied to each early learning and childcare setting as follows:

- the primary school catchment area where an ECC is located on the same campus as a primary school; or
- the primary school catchment area within which a standalone ECC or funded provider sits.

The village settlements of Sorn and Ochiltree do not have a primary school with an ECC. The geographic areas for these settlements are:

- Sorn – Catrine ECC
- Ochiltree – Auchinleck ECC

In all cases, priority will be given to children who live in postcodes defined as SIMD* 1 and thereafter SIMD 2.

*Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) is the Scottish Government's standard approach to identify areas of multiple deprivation in Scotland

Ballots may need to take place in ECCs and funded providers, if there are insufficient places to meet demand, all other circumstances being equal.

Defined geographic areas do not apply to childminders as there is not an even spread of childminders across East Ayrshire who deliver all or part of the funded entitlement of 1140 hours.

The information you provide on the application form will help the Head/Manager of centre to give appropriate priority to your application. It is important that you provide full details on the form.

If you believe your child meets the criteria as set out in Priority 1, you will be asked on the application form to note the name of your Health Visitor or Lead Professional who will be contacted to support your application.

If your circumstances change, it is important that you let the Head/Manager of centre know so that your application can be updated. This includes any change of address, telephone number or other contact details.

Proof of the child's date of birth should be provided when you complete the application form. This must be the child's birth certificate.

Proof of the parent's residency at the time of application is also required; this must be Council Tax documentation, a bank statement or utility bill. This will be used in determining priorities for allocation of places.

All required documentation can be photographed or scanned and uploaded with the application form.

Models of Early Learning and Childcare

In East Ayrshire, there are 4 models of delivery: term time, full year or combined early learning and childcare (ELC) packages in two settings.

- **Model 1:** 1140 hours across 38 weeks (term time – for example 9.00am to 3.00pm) and is available in both term time and full year services.
Please note these places in full year services are limited.
- **Model 2:** 1140 hours - the Block model: a block is 4 hours 45 minutes across 48 weeks: a long morning 8.00am to 12.45pm or a long afternoon 1.15pm to 6.00pm. Available in full year services only.

Individual circumstances will be considered if parents require a pattern of 6 blocks per week taken in term time (30 hours) as 3 whole days if they are in employment or attending college or university. If you are looking to apply for 3 whole days on a term time pattern, please provide additional information to support your request on the form.

- **Model 3:** 1140 hours across 48 weeks can be taken across two full days 9.5 hours per day between 8.00am and 6.00pm and a half day 8.00am to 12.45pm or 1.15 to 6.00pm. Available in full year services only.
- **Model 4:** 1140 hours as a Blended Model or Split placement provides a combination ELC package of time:
 - Blended model - an ECC or funded ELC provider and with a participating childminder or
 - Split placement between 2 different ELC settings i.e ECC and funded ELC provider

Please note the days should be consecutive at the beginning or the end of the week if possible.

Using a combination of time between 2 different settings provides a flexible service that gives parents/carers the choice of early learning and childcare that fit around their family's needs. Parents/carers can also have the option to privately fund additional hours with those funded ELC providers or childminders if their childcare needs exceed 1140 hours.

Childminders

Childminders who are on the Council's contract framework can deliver either the full 1140 hours of ELC or blended model as noted in the guide. See page 21 to 24 for the list of participating childminders.

Blended Model – Childminders

A blended model of ELC which offers a combination of ELC with a participating registered childminder and either an early childhood centre or a funded ELC provider. For more information about the blended model, please contact East Ayrshire Community Childcare Team communitychildcaresupport-admin@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

When applying for a blended model with a childminder, a separate application does not need to be submitted to the childminder. Parents should negotiate the split of the placement with the participating childminder and the early childhood centre or funded ELC provider.

For the 9.00am to 3.00pm pattern of hours and with a blended model; where the blend is on a daily basis (i.e some time with a participating childminder and in the ECC or funded ELC provider each day) attendance of 3 hours at the ECC and funded ELC provider is expected. This amount of time allows your child to settle in and become fully engaged in the opportunities available.

Split Placement between 2 Centres

If you wish to apply for a split placement between 2 ELC settings you should complete an online application for each ELC setting. Please ensure that you have negotiated the split pattern of attendance and note this in both applications.

The allocation of split places will be dependent on both settings being able to offer the hours requested.

Please be aware that although every effort will be made to meet your needs, there is no guarantee that it will be possible to offer split funded places in every case.

In the interest of consistency and continuity, changes to Blended Model or Split Placement patterns should be kept to a minimum as these can also affect other children and families, staffing and capacities.

Where parents/carers are seeking a change in pattern we advise early discussion with both settings and that 4 weeks notice is given to both.

Cross Boundary Places

Can my child access early learning and childcare in another local authority?

The choice of ELC setting available to families is not restricted to their own local authority area. Please contact Education -Early Years Service EarlyYearsAdmissions@east-ayrshire.gov.uk for further information.

Allocation of Places and Deciding Priorities

The Early Learning and Childcare Allocation Policy sets out the priority criteria for places and patterns of hours.

Dates of birth or length of time on the register of applications does not affect priority to 4-year-old children. 3-year-old children will be eligible for a place in the month after their 3rd birthday according to set dates. Eligible 2 year olds can access a place the term after their 2nd birthday.

All places for children aged 3-4 years are allocated to early childhood centres and funded ELC providers, including childminders through a central allocation process. This ensures that all eligible children have access to a place.

Places

The priority criteria will be applied to allocate places to ELC settings. If there are too many applications for the places available, a ballot will be required to allocate places and/or pattern of hours.

Patterns of Hours

Once places have been allocated in an ELC setting and the demand for particular patterns of hours are oversubscribed, then the Priority criteria will be applied to allocate the pattern of hours and if oversubscribed within the criteria, a ballot will be required.

Eligibility for Early Learning and Childcare Places

Eligible 3 year old and 4 year old children are entitled to 1140 hours of early learning and childcare from August 2022 according to the following dates of birth:

4 year olds

If your child's date of birth is on or between **1st March 2018 and the 28th February 2019**

He/she will be eligible for a funded early learning and childcare place in **August 2022**

3 year olds

If your child's date of birth is on or between **1st March 2019 and the 29th February 2020**

He/she will be eligible for a funded place as set out in the table below.

Children born between:	Will be eligible from:
1 March 2019 - 31 August 2019	August 2022
1 September 2019 – 29 February 2020	The month after their 3rd birthday

Places are available from the first Monday of the month after a child's 3rd birthday (Tuesday if there is a public holiday). However, staggered entry dates may be required due to the number of eligible children in any given month. Where this applies, early childhood centres and funded providers will have 10 days to admit all eligible children.

*Children whose 3rd birthday falls on or between 1st March 2023 and the 31st August 2023 will be eligible for a place in **August 2023**.*

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 on or after their 2nd birthday:

- looked after
- under a kinship care order
- have a parent appointed guardian
- a child of a care experienced parent

or for those children whose parent or carer meet the criteria below, they are eligible in the term after their 2nd birthday:

- Income Support
- Job Seekers Allowance (income based)
- any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- Incapacity or Severe Disablement Allowance
- State Pension Credit
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If you receive tax credits or universal credit, then you can earn a certain amount of money and still be eligible.

If you are on Child Tax Credit:

- but not Working Tax Credit, then your earnings can be £16,480 or less
- and Working Tax Credit, then your earnings can be £7,500 a year or less

The income thresholds for Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit can change each year.

If you are on Universal Credit, then your household take-home pay can be £625 a month or less.

“Take-home pay” is the money your household receives from work after tax, National Insurance and any pension contributions have been taken off. Your award letter will tell you how much your take-home pay is for the claim period. This should be £625 or less.

Regulations have been laid to amend the eligibility criteria for funded early learning and childcare (ELC) for 2 year olds. The Regulations will be considered by the Scottish Parliament in March 2022 and come in to force from 1 April 2022. The Provision of Early Learning and Childcare (Specified Children) (Scotland) Amendment Order 2022 will amend the income threshold:

To £7,920 for those in receipt of both Working Tax Credit and Child Tax Credit; and

To £660 a month for those in receipt of Universal Credit (an equivalent annual income threshold of £7,920). Child Tax Credit will be automatically uprated by UK Government from £16,480 **to £17,005**. This will also take effect from April.

Start Terms for eligible 2 year olds

Birthday	Term	Month
1st March - 31st August	Autumn	August
1st September - 31st December	Spring	January
1st January - last day of February	Summer	April

A separate online application form is available for parents/carers to complete as this process confirms eligibility for a 2 year old place.

Two year olds · East Ayrshire Council (east-ayrshire.gov.uk)

Deferred Entry to primary school and an additional year of early learning and childcare

All children who are still 4 years old at the start of the school year can be deferred and start primary one the following year. Children with a birthday in January or February are automatically entitled to another year of funded early learning and childcare.

Should parents of children with a birthday between the school commencement date in August and the end of December choose to defer entry to primary school and start primary 1 the following year, local authorities have discretion over whether to provide additional early learning and childcare hours. These decisions should be based on an assessment of wellbeing, putting the child at the centre and working in partnership with families.

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 Head/Manager of the centre your child currently attends who will provide you with a link to the online application form to complete entitled "Deferred Entry to Primary School/Additional Year of Early Learning and Childcare".

Please note from August 2023, children with a birthday between the school commencement date in August and the end of December whose parents choose to delay their start to primary 1 the following year, will be automatically entitled to a further year of funded ELC.

My child has a place, do I have to register again?

If your child is returning for their pre-school year to an early childhood centre, funded ELC provider or childminder, you do not have to register again.

However, you should complete and submit a new application by **13 March 2022** if you wish to:

- change your child's pattern of attendance
- change placement to another ECC or funded ELC provider or childminder for session 2022/23 ;or
- if your ELC setting or childminder will start delivering 1140 funded hours from August 2022

If you wish to change your child's ELC setting during the course of the academic year please contact EarlyYearsAdmissions@east-ayrshire.gov.uk . You will be sent an ELC Change Request form to complete in the first instance. Changes of place will be dependent on individual circumstances and availability.

Ballot

A ballot may be necessary in some centres. Ballots may be necessary in some ELC settings if there is an oversubscription for places and/or patterns of hours.

Each ELC setting is registered with the Care Inspectorate for a maximum number of places, therefore it is not possible to satisfy all requested patterns of attendance. You will be asked to state a preferred pattern of attendance when you complete the application form. Places and patterns of attendance will be allocated according to the allocation criteria set out in the ELC Allocation Policy Priorities 1 to 9.

If your application for a place is not allocated in the ELC setting of your first choice, then your application will be considered for a place in the ELC setting of your second choice.

If your second choice of ELC setting cannot provide a place, then you will be offered an alternative place for your child.

Please note: If your child is allocated a place in an early childhood centre where there is an associated primary school, **there is no automatic right to a place in the primary school.**



Early Learning and Childcare Allocations Policy 2022/23

Priority criteria for the allocation of funded places for eligible 2 year old children and entitled 3 and 4 year old children.

Priority 1:

Children in need as defined by the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 or children with additional support for learning needs as defined by the Educational (Additional Support for Learning) (Scotland) Act 2004 as amended.

If you believe your child meets the criteria as set out in Priority 1, you will be asked on the application form to note the name of your Health Visitor or Lead Professional who will be contacted to support your application.

Priority 2:

Children already attending or returning to an ELC setting (early childhood centre, funded provider or a registered childminder providing funded places) including children who attended as eligible 2 year olds and children having an additional year of ELC as follows:-

Children who have additional support needs where a multi-agency assessment of wellbeing indicates potential benefit from an additional year of early learning and childcare;

Children born in January or February who are entitled to an additional year of early learning and childcare up to the August (Autumn) term following their 5th birthday;

Children whose birthday is between the start of the school year in August and December where an assessment of wellbeing informed by appropriate professional assessment and agreed by the Assessment Panel indicates potential benefit from an additional year of early learning and childcare.

Priority 3:

Children who have a sibling attending the same ELC setting

Places will be allocated according to the defined geographic area for the ELC setting

Priority 4:

Children resident in East Ayrshire postcodes in Scottish Indices of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) Quintile1.

Within this priority, the following criteria apply in order:-

- (i) Children whose parents are in employment, education or training and are in receipt of income support, income based job seekers allowance, working tax credits or universal credit.

- (ii) Children whose parents are in employment, education or training
- (iii) Children resident in SIMD Quintile1 in East Ayrshire

Priority 5:

Children resident in East Ayrshire postcodes in Scottish Indices of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) Quintile 2.

Within this priority the following criteria apply in order:-

- (i) Children whose parents are in employment, education or training and are in receipt of income support, income based job seekers allowance, working tax credits or universal credit.
- (ii) Children whose parents are in employment, education or training
- (iii) Children resident in SIMD Quintile 2 in East Ayrshire

Priority 6:

New applications for 4 year olds who are resident in East Ayrshire

Places will be allocated according to the defined geographic area for the ELC setting

Priority 7:

New applications for 3 year olds who are resident in East Ayrshire according to the dates set for eligibility.

Places will be allocated according to the defined geographic area for the ELC setting.

Priority 8:

Children resident in isolated or rural areas outwith the boundary of East Ayrshire but within the catchment area of an East Ayrshire primary school.

Priority 9:

Children resident outwith the boundary of East Ayrshire.

Eligible 2-year olds

Places will be allocated in priority order as set out in the following criteria:

- i) Requests for assistance from another agency for 2-year-old children who meet the criteria set out in **Priority 1** of the Council's Early Learning and Childcare Allocation Policy

Eligibility for funded early learning and childcare entitlement for 2 year olds is set out in the Children and young People (Scotland) Act 2014

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

- Looked after
- Under a kinship care order
- Have a parent appointed guardian
- A child of a care experienced parent
- A child whose parent is in receipt of qualifying benefits
- A child who meets the conditions of Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Qualifying Benefits include:

- Income Support
- Job Seeker's Allowance (income based)
- any income related element of Employment and Support Allowance
- Incapacity or Severe Disablement Allowance
- State Pension Credit
- support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999t

If you receive tax credits or universal credit, then you can earn a certain amount of money and still be eligible.

If you are on Child Tax Credit:

- but not Working Tax Credit, then your earnings can be £16,480 or less
- and Working Tax Credit, then your earnings can be £7,500 a year or less

The income thresholds for Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit can change each year see page 10 for details of proposed changes from April 2022

If you are on Universal Credit, then your household take-home pay can be £625 a month or less.

Take-home pay is the money your household receives from work after tax, National Insurance and any pension contributions have been taken off. Your award letter will tell you how much your take-home pay is for the claim period. This should be £625 or less.

Local Authority Early Childhood Centres

All establishments are non-denominational.

Early childhood centre	Address	Telephone	Age Group	Model 2022-23	Defined Geographic Area Priorities 3,6,7,8
Auchinleck	Dalsalloch Road, Auchinleck, KA18 2BU	01290 421260	2, 3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Auchinleck primary school and Ochiltree primary school
Bellsbank *	Craiglea Crescent, Dalmellington, KA6 7UA	01292 551195	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Bellsbank primary school
Cairns *	Altonhill Avenue, Kilmarnock, KA3 1PH	01563 533177	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Hillhead primary school
Catrine	Newton Street, Catrine, KA5 6RY	01290 551233	3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Catrine primary school and Sorn primary school
Cherry Trees	The Barony Campus, Auchinleck Road, Cumnock KA18 1FQ	01290 427299	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Lochnorris primary school
Crosshouse	Playingfield Road, Crosshouse, KA2 0JJ	01563 532300	3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Crosshouse primary school
Dalmellington	Ayr Road, Dalmellington, KA6 7SJ	01292 550364	3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Dalmellington primary school
Dalrymple	Hillview, Dalrymple, KA6 6PZ	01292 560368	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Dalrymple primary school

Early childhood centre	Address	Telephone	Age Group	Model 2022-23	Defined Geographic Area Priorities 3,6,7,8
Darvel	Campbell Street East, Darvel KA17 0BP	01560 320785	3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Darvel primary school
Drongan	Millmannoch Avenue, Drongan KA6 7BY	01292 591521	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Drongan primary school
Dunlop	Main Street, Dunlop KA3 4AN	01560 484098	3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Dunlop primary school
Fenwick	1 Kirkton Road, Fenwick KA3 6DH	01560 600403	3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Fenwick primary school
Flowerbank *	30 North Hamilton Street, Kilmarnock KA1 2QJ	01563 522722	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Annanhill primary school
Galston	Western Road, Galston KA4 8BG	01563 820360	2, 3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Galston primary school
Gargieston	Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock KA1 1UG	01563 533067	3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Gargieston primary school
Hillbank	North West Kilmarnock Area Centre, Western Road, Kilmarnock KA3 1NQ	01563 521064	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Hillhead primary school

Early childhood centre	Address	Telephone	Age Group	Model 2022-23	Defined Geographic Area Priorities 3,6,7,8
Hurlford	Union Street, Hurlford Kilmarnock KA1 5BT	01563 525098	3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Hurlford primary school
James Hamilton	William McIlvanney Campus, Sutherland Drive, Kilmarnock KA3 7DF	01563 558508	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	James Hamilton primary school
Kilmaurs	East Park Drive Kilmaurs KA3 2QS	01563 538674	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Kilmaurs primary school
Lainshaw	Kilwinning Road, Stewarton KA3 3DL	01560 483653	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Lainshaw primary school
Littlemill	Littlemill, Rankinston KA6 7HG	01292 590221	3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Littlemill primary school
Loanhead	Dick Road, Kilmarnock KA1 3AP	01563 522938	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Loanhead primary school
Logan	Logangate Terrace, Logan, Cumnock KA18 3HD	01290 421916	3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Logan primary school
Mauchline	The Loan, Mauchline KA5 6AN	01290 550306	3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Mauchline primary school
Muirkirk	Burns Avenue, Muirkirk KA18 3RH	01290 661350	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Muirkirk primary school

Early childhood centre	Address	Telephone	Age Group	Model 2022-23	Defined Geographic Area Priorities 3,6,7,8
Netherthird *	Craigens Road, Cumnock KA18 3AN	01290 425823	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Netherthird primary school
Nether Robertland	Cairnduff Place Stewarton KA3 5QF	01560 484934	3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Nether Robertland primary school
New Cumnock	Afton Bridgend, New Cumnock KA18 4AX	01290 338593	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,4	New Cumnock primary school
Newmilns	Gilfoot, Newmilns KA16 9LP	01560 320915	3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Newmilns primary school
Onthank	Meiklewood Road, Kilmarnock KA3 2ES	01563 534660	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Onthank primary school
Patna	Whitehill Avenue, Patna KA6 7LY	01292 531271	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Patna primary school
Riccarton	45 Campbell Place, Kilmarnock KA1 4DY	01563 535633	3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Whatriggs primary school
Sgoil-àraich na Coille Nuaidh	William McIlvanney Campus, Sutherland Drive, Kilmarnock KA3 7DF	01563 558505	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,4	East Ayrshire
Shortlees *	Blacksyke Avenue, Kilmarnock KA1 3SR	01563 533678	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Shortlees primary school

Early childhood centre	Address	Telephone	Age Group	Model 2022-23	Defined Geographic Area Priorities 3,6,7,8
St Andrews	Grassyards Road, Kilmarnock KA3 7SL	01563 549549	3 and 4 year olds	1,4	St Andrews primary school
Whatriggs	Whatriggs Road, Kilmarnock KA1 3SZ	01563 551587	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Whatriggs primary school

* denotes an early childhood centre that provides a small number of places for children aged 0-2 years which are allocated through a multi-agency resource allocation group.

Funded ELC Providers

Funded ELC Provider	Address	Telephone	Age Group	Model 2022-23	Defined Geographic Area Priorities 3,6,7,8
Avenue Childcare Service	8-10 Tourhill Road, Kilmarnock KA3 2BJ	01563 572828	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Hillhead primary school & Onthank primary school
Beechwood House Nursery	34 Dundonald Road, Kilmarnock, KA1 1RX	01563 573555	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,2,3,4	Gargieston primary school
Burns Bairns	The Centre Stane, 2 The Cross, Mauchline, KA5 5DA	077520 72111	3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Mauchline primary school
Craighead Country Nursery	Craighead Farm, Mauchline KA5 6EX	01290 559217 Or 07543 094874	2, 3 and 4 year olds	3,4	Galston primary school & Mauchline primary school
Dean Park Nursery	56 Beansburn, Kilmarnock, KA3 1RN	01563 539128	2, 3 and 4 year olds	2,3,4	Hillhead primary school & Onthank primary school
Grasshoppers Nursery	30 Witchknowe Road, Kilmarnock KA1 4LN	01563 571598	2, 3 and 4 year olds	2,3,4	Whatriggs primary school
Hurlford and Crookedholm Early Learning and Childcare Services	51 Academy Street, Hurlford, KA1 5BU	079671 15689	2,3 and 4 year olds	1,4	Hurlford primary school

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