

Early Education-firm foundations

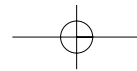


Our team of expert staff is available to discuss your requirements and help you arrive at a decision that is right for you and your child.

To find out where your nearest early education provider is located or to discuss your child's entitlement, call the

Children's Information Service
0800 0858 743

or write to us at:
Early Years and Childcare Team
Wirral Education Centre
Acre Lane
Bromborough
Wirral CH62 7BZ
eydcp@wirral.gov.uk

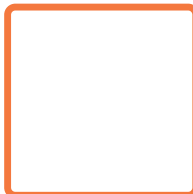




High Quality Education



gives young children the very best start in life. In Wirral, we are fortunate that Government funds are available for all 3 and 4 year olds to take advantage of a free early education pl



What exactly does this mean for you and your child?

Every 3 and 4 year old is entitled to a free part time early education place - 2½ hours, five sessions per week - in a setting registered with the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership to receive this funding. This entitlement comes into affect at the beginning of the term after your child's 3rd or 4th birthday.

Your child's early education entitlement can be taken with any of the following, providing there are vacancies:

- A nursery school
- An early years centre
- A nursery class attached to a school
- A pre-school playgroup
- A day nursery
- An independent school

Providers can make a charge for any costs over and above your child's free place, for example, to pay for a session that extends beyond the funded 2½ hours.

Early education providers who are not part of the Local Education Authority must be registered with the Early Years Development and Childcare Partnership in order to receive the Government funding. Each one is required to meet certain standards with regard to the curriculum they provide, a requirement to be inspected by OFSTED and a commitment to follow the Code of Practice for children with Special Educational Needs.

