



WESTERN ISLES PRE-SCHOOL PROVISION 2010-2011

Comhairle nan Eilean Siar has a statutory duty to provide a funded place (up to 475 hours per year normally calculated at 12.5 hours per week over 38 weeks), for all 4 year olds and eligible 3 year olds whose parents wish it.

Eligibility for Pre-school (3 year olds)

With the exception of children born in March (see below) all 3 year old children are only eligible for a funded pre-school place in the term after their third birthday.

Date of Birth	Eligible from
1.3.2007 – 31.8.2007	Autumn term (Aug-Dec) 2010
1.9.2007 – 31.12.2007	Spring term (Jan-March) 2011
1.1.2008 – 28.2.2008	Summer term (April-June) 2011

All pre-school centres are open to inspection by the Care Commission and HMIE. Inspection reports are made available to parents. The Local Authority monitors the quality of all pre-school centres and provides support and advice to pre-school providers and parents.

For more information on the Care Commission and/or HMIE phone or visit the following web sites:
Care Commission, phone 01851 706157 or visit their web site www.carecommission.com and
HMIE - www.hmie.gov.uk.

All staff should have/or be working towards a qualification that meets the registration requirements of the Scottish Social Services Council. If you require further information about pre school education contact the Education and Children's Services Department, Early Years Office on 01851 822280.

CURRICULUM FOR EXCELLENCE

The 'Child at the Centre' documentation provides the benchmark of quality provision in the early years' sector.

All our preschool settings provide flexible and stimulating environments to engage children in their learning, through well planned and challenging play. We believe that young children learn best when they have scope for active involvement in a wide range of learning experiences. 'A Curriculum for Excellence' provides statements of the aims of education in Scotland. By providing structure, support and direction to children's learning, the curriculum should enable all children to become:

- Successful learners
- Confident individuals
- Responsible citizens
- Effective contributors

The Curriculum for Excellence has 8 curriculum areas. The following summarises some aspects of learning which will take place within each area:

Languages/Literacy

- Listen with enjoyment and respond to stories, songs, rhymes and poems
- Listen and talk to children and adults
- Explore books/texts and understand some of the language, layout
- Develop an awareness of letter names and sounds
- Have fun with language and making stories

Mathematics/Numeracy

- Explore numbers; develop understanding of counting, number processes/orders, money, time, measure
- Collect objects, ask questions to gather information, organise and display/share findings with others
- Investigate shapes and objects

Health and Wellbeing

- Develop confidence, resilience, self-awareness and self worth
- Form positive relationships, take turns and share resources, follow rules
- Take part in physical play and activities, develop body control, safe use of equipment
- Develop awareness of healthy eating and healthy lifestyles, fitness, hygiene, safety

Expressive Arts

- Choose and explore ways to create images and objects using a variety of media
- Explore line, shape, form, colour, tone, pattern and texture
- Make music by singing, clapping, playing musical instruments and music technology
- Explore role play and drama

Social Studies

- Explore the importance of special occasions and important people in our lives
- Explore places of interest in local and wider environment and the roles of people in it
- Develop an understanding for the weather
- Make choices and take responsibility in play experiences

Technology

- Play with and explore technologies; communication methods, audio/visual, electronic games
- Show care for the environment through recycling methods
- Explore a wide range of resources, materials, software and tools
- Explore ways of presenting ideas

Science

- Develop an understanding of sustainable materials, plants, animals, climate and earth, outer space
- Explore healthy eating and healthy bodies
- Develop an understanding of electricity, sound and ways of communicating
- Develop awareness and understanding of the senses

Religious and Moral education

- Explore Christian beliefs
- Become familiar with religious beliefs all over the world
- Raise awareness of festivals and celebrations
- Develop beliefs and values

PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION IN THE WESTERN ISLES

GAELIC MEDIUM PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

The authority actively promotes and supports Gaelic education from pre-school through to secondary. Pre-school education through the medium of Gaelic follows the Curriculum Framework for 3-5 year olds and the Curriculum for Excellence.

There are many reasons why parents choose Gaelic medium education, for example: Parents want children to be part of their own language heritage, some monolingual parents choose for their children to become bilingual, it is widely recognised that bilingualism confers educational and intellectual advantages.

All Gaelic pre-school providers are highlighted in blue on the map. For further information and advice on Gaelic Medium Education please contact Iona Mactaggart, 01851 701802 or iona@cnag.org.uk.

Further Information:

If you require any further information please contact your local pre-school provider. Phone numbers can be found within this booklet. If you have any problems contacting a provider, contact: Childcare Information Service, Education and Children's Services Department – 01851 822280.

REGISTERED PROVIDERS OF PRE-SCHOOL EDUCATION

● GAELIC
 ● ENGLISH
 ● GAELIC/ENGLISH

- 1 **SGOIL ÀRAICH AIRIDHANTUIM**, CLAN MACQUARRIE HALL, BORVE, HS2 ORX, 01851 850744
- 2 **TOLSTA SCHOOL NURSERY**, SCHOOLHOUSE, SCHOOL ROAD, NORTH TOLSTA, HS2 ONH, 01851 890475
- 3 **SGOIL ÀRAICH LOCH A TUATH**, BACK SCHOOL, VATISKER, 01851 820230
- 4 **TONG PRIMARY NURSERY**, TONG SCHOOL, TONG, HS2 OHS, 01851 702572
- 5 **SGOIL ÀRAICH CHARLABHAIGH**, CARLOWAY SCHOOL, HS2 9AU, 01851 643210
- 6 **STORNOWAY PRIMARY NURSERY**, STORNOWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL, JAMIESON DRIVE, STORNOWAY, HS1 2LF, 01851 703418
- 7 **LITTLE LEARNERS PRE-SCHOOL**, JAMIESON DRIVE, STORNOWAY, HS1 2LF, 01851 703816
- 8 **SANDWICK SCHOOL NURSERY**, SANDWICK SCHOOL, EAST STREET, SANDWICKHILL, HS2 OAG, 01851 705500
- 9 **POINT ENGLISH NURSERY**, AIRD SCHOOL, AIRD, POINT, HS2 OAX, 01851 871000



- 10 **SGOIL ÀRAICH UIG**, UIG SCHOOL, TIMSGARRY, HS2 9JE, 01851 672228
- 11 **LITTLE LOCHIES PLAYGROUP**, SGOIL NAN LOCH, LEURBOST, HS2 9BE, 01851 705187 (EXT 226)
- 12 **LEVERBURGH GAELIC NURSERY**, OLD SCHOOLHOUSE, LEVERBURGH, HS3 3TT, 01859 520764
- 13 **BALIVANICH SCHOOL NURSERY**, BALIVANICH, BENBECULA, HS7 5LA, 01870 602241
- 14 **SGOIL ÀRAICH DHALABROIG**, SCHOOLHOUSE, DALIBURGH, SOUTH UIST, HS8 5SS, 01878 700060
- 15 **CASTLEBAY SCHOOL NURSERY**, THE CHILDREN'S CENTRE, CASTLEBAY, HS9 5XD, 01871 810983

PARTNER PROVIDERS

- 16 **CRÒILEAGAN NIS**, OLD CANTEEN, CROSS SCHOOL, NESS, HS2 OSN, 01851 810470
- 17 **CRÒILEAGAN BHARABHAIS**, 6 LOWER BARVAS, HS2 OQZ, 07774 051592
- 18 **CRÒILEAGAN AN TAOBH SIAR**, IONAD NA SEANN SGOIL, NORTH SHAWBOST, HS2 9BD, 01851 710300
- 19 **CRÒILEAGAN LACASDAIL**, CEARNS COMMUNITY CENTRE, STORNOWAY, HS1 2YN, 01851 701274
- 20 **AN COTAN NURSERY**, LEWS CASTLE COLLEGE, STORNOWAY, HS2 OXR, 01851 770472
- 21 **STORNOWAY PLAYGROUP**, SCOUT AND GUIDE HALL, KEITH STREET, STORNOWAY, HS1 2JG, 01851 701107
- 22 **CRÒILEAGAN AN RUBHA**, AIRD SCHOOL, AIRD, POINT, HS2 OAX, 07787 341928
- 23 **CRÒILEAGAN BHREASCLEIT**, BREASCLETE COMMUNITY CENTRE, BREASCLETE, HS2 9EF, 01851 621745
- 24 **CRÒILEAGAN BHAILE AILEIN**, BALALLAN SCHOOL, LOCHS, HS2 9PN, 01851 830704
- 25 **PAIRC PLAYGROUP**, RESOURCE CENTRE, KERSHADER, SOUTH LOCHS, HS2 9QA, 01851 880451
- 26 **CRÒILEAGAN AN TAIRBEART**, WEST TARBERT, 01859 502547
- 27 **CRÒILEAGAN DHUNSGEALAIR**, DUNSKELLAR SCHOOL HOUSE, NORTH UIST, 01876 560349
- 28 **SAOGHAL BEAG NURSERY**, CLADDACH KIRKIBOST, NORTH UIST, HS6 5EP, 01876 580390
- 29 **CRÒILEAGAN AN IOCHDAIR**, PORTACABIN, EOCHAR, SOUTH UIST, HS8 5RQ, 01870 610445
- 30 **COTHROM ÒG NURSERY**, ORMICLATE, SOUTH UIST, HS8 5SB, 01878 700912