



# Child Development and Care

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NCFE CACHE Level 2 Technical Diploma

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We need you

The first thought....

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In what ways could children need you in the future?

# WHAT IS CHILD DEVELOPMENT & CARE?

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Child development refers to the sequence of physical, intellectual, language, emotional and social changes that occur in a child from birth to the beginning of adulthood.

This means we study the process in which a **child** changes over time. It covers the whole period from conception to an individual becoming a fully functioning adult. It's a journey from total dependence to full independence.

Child Care is a phrase that refers to looking after children, using within a setting such as a nursery, school or creche.

Did you know?

The early years of a **child's** life are very important for their health and **development**. Healthy **development** means that **children** of all abilities, including those with special health care needs, are able to grow up where their needs are fully met.

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND CARE, IS IT IMPORTANT?

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Of course! The majority of us will have access to Child Care as a child and may access services for children and young people before entering our adult lives.

Careers that are based on Child Care and Development are aimed at infants from birth, usually until 5-7 years old. However, it's important to remember that there are follow on services for children and young people up to the age of 18 (25 if the individual has a disability)

You may chose to specialise in childcare or within development of a child. Perhaps you would like to work in a nursery? Have your own childminding business or follow a career path within the **neuro-development** of a child's brain!

It is a privilege to work with people who are putting their trust into you, right when they need help the most. Working with children means **YOU** are a world changer- a real life hero!

**So think about this... How are you going to help the future generation?**

# WHAT CAREERS ARE THERE I HEAR YOU ASK...

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- Art, Music or Play Therapists
- Behaviour Support Worker
- Child Minder
- Early Years Teacher
- Education Consultant
- Family Support Worker
- Health Play Specialist
- Learning Mentor
- Nursery Worker
- Special Education Needs teacher

As an Early Years Teacher in China, teaching at an international school you could earn £27,000-£40,000!

- Child Psychologist
- Children's Nurse
- Community Development Worker
- Counsellor
- Educational Psychologist
- Foster Carer
- Speech and Language Therapist
- Au Pair
- Social Worker
- Teaching Assistant

THE LIST GO ON, AND ON, AND ON...

# ...SO WHICH ORGANISATIONS COULD I WORK FOR?

**YOUNG MINDS**

The voice for young people's mental health and wellbeing



The best start in life

**Winston's Wish**  
the charity for bereaved children

**ARTventurers**  
Squidge, squish, paint, explore, sing, dance!

**childcare.co.uk**  
the easy way to find local childcare



**Forces Children's Trust**  
To help a child is an honour



**WE ARE MACMILLAN.**  
CANCER SUPPORT

the **purfleet** trust  
supporting homeless people



**Ofsted**



**GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL CHARITY**



Helping local children in need



**Make-A-Wish.**  
UNITED KINGDOM



**addaction**

**Julia's House**  
Dorset & Wiltshire Children's Hospices



**Believe in children**



Department of Health & Social Care



**Bright Horizons**

**Heathrow**



**sense**



**Refuge**  
For women and children. Against domestic violence.

**Cambridgeshire County Council**



**NHS**  
East of England Ambulance Service  
NHS Trust



# MEET RICK - A CHILDMINDER.

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## 1. What's the best thing about being a childcare professional?

I enjoy watching the children grow and mature in my setting, knowing that I have contributed to their learning and development. I genuinely care about the progress and welfare of each child and I strive to provide the best possible environment for them to achieve and thrive.

## 2. ...and the most challenging?

All of my family, friends and work parents have been supportive of me being a male childminder so I have nothing bad to say about this side of my work.

Trying to keep up with legislation updates e.g. Ofsted. I have found being admin on The Childminding Forum and Independent Childminders Facebook group has helped me enormously.

## 3. Which three words best sum up your childcare setting?

Fun, stimulating, caring

## 4. How did you get started in childcare?

I used to be a civil engineer, but wasn't enjoying my job so I ended up looking after my son and my wife went back to work. It was meeting other childminders at toddler groups that convinced me that I would enjoy being a childminder.

# WHAT WILL I SEE IN A CDC LESSON?

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Our lessons are a mix of theory and fun! You will learn about legislations, policies and procedures in a more formal structure!

You'll also have the responsibility to plan and deliver activities, in line with the EYFS framework for younger children as well as learning Makaton too!



# LET'S LEARN SOME FACTS ABOUT HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE...

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Even infants and young children are affected adversely when significant stresses threaten their family and caregiving environments.

There were an estimated 363,400 staff working in the childcare and early years sector in Spring 2020 - this excludes other child development and care roles

While attachments to their parents are primary, young children can also benefit significantly from relationships with other responsive caregivers both within and outside the family.

Overall, in 2019, 75% of families in England with children aged 0 to 14 had used some form of childcare during their most recent term-time week. This equated to 4.2 million families or 6.0 million children

In 2018 there were 657,076 births recorded in the UK. Each year for the last decade this number has decreased!

Official figures show there are now 78,150 children in care (Gov.uk 2020)

A great deal of brain architecture is shaped during the first three years after birth, but the window of opportunity for its development does not close on a child's third birthday..

WHERE COULD THIS  
COURSE TAKE ME?



Anywhere! Child Development and Care is in great demand globally. You could work in a local Early Years setting, on a Cruise Liner or the other side of the world! Woah! That's far!

At the end of Year 11 you could:

- Continue to study Child Development and Care as a full time course at college
- Become an Apprentice - learning whilst working
- Take a diploma whilst studying for your A-Levels
  
- After that..... You could find employment, study at university or complete a higher level apprenticeship!

**This course will demonstrate your ability to communicate with a diverse range of individuals - that's a huge transferable skill you know!**

I CAN TELL YOU'RE  
KEEN TO STUDY CDC...

(YOU'RE STILL HERE!)

LET'S GET DOWN TO  
THE FINER DETAILS  
SHALL WE?

Let's start with what Miss Elliott expects you to be like:

- A team player
- Independent thinker
- Aspiring to work within the health or social care industry
- Open to developing your communication skills
- **Ready to complete exams and present work in various formats**
- **Have fun - it's not all about copying from a board or book you know!**

Does this sound like you? .... **Yes** did I hear you say?

Then you have the potential to be our FUTURE within the Child Development and Care industry... and the ideal student for the course too!

# WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT FROM MISS ELLIOTT?

(YEAH YOU SHOULD HAVE EXPECTATIONS OF YOUR TEACHERS!)



Well you can expect the following:

Creative lessons: Health and Social Care is about 'thinking outside of the box'. This means that we will learn theory with a fun twist!

An experienced teacher: Miss Elliott has had other careers outside of teaching. She has worked in Social Care (Child Protection), within Prisons, Youth Work and overseas! Miss Elliott will be able to share her 'real life' experiences with you!

An inclusive classroom: Everyone is welcome! You will be supported and included. You're important and Miss Elliott will value your contributions!

To be challenged: Miss Elliott wants the VERY best for you! You will be pushed to achieve and be the very best version of you! I will support you every step of the way! Promise!

# THE COURSE...



## Content

The course is made up of the following units:

- An introduction to working with children aged 0-5 years
- Development and Wellbeing 0-5 years
- Child care and Development 0-5 years (exam based).

## Assessment

- Coursework - lots of coursework! (Worth about 50% of your qualification)
- Exam - there will be 2 attempts to achieve the best grade you can!

You will be graded using the following criteria:

Pass Merit and Distinction

For more information on the course please refer to the 'pre course handbook that has been created for you'

# Want to know more?

- Come and chat to Miss Elliott in 114

- Drop Miss Elliott an email: [Laura.Elliott@lecacademy.org](mailto:Laura.Elliott@lecacademy.org)



- Find out more about the course on our Padlet: <https://padlet.com/misselliottleca/nzwomo99zh3nqpj3>



- Check out the CDC Twitter page: Miss Elliott @ LECA

