



**Perth & Kinross Council
Education & Children's Services**

**Learning and Childcare Provision for Key Workers and
Vulnerable Children and Young People**

Five Children's Activity Centres for the children of Category 1 key workers and vulnerable children will open in Perth and Kinross on Thursday.

The centres are at:

- North Inch Campus
- Kinross Primary School
- Community School of Auchterarder
- Newhill Campus, Blairgowrie
- Invergowrie Primary School

These will operate from Monday to Friday, from 7.30am to 6pm. Weekend opening may also be introduced at a later date if the demands on Category 1 staff increase.

Each centre will accommodate children in small groups in order to reduce the risk of infection.

Perth & Kinross Council has identified senior staff to manage the Children's Activity Centres.

We will be requiring staff to work in two shift patterns to cover the 11.5 hours of childcare being provided each day. Each shift will have its own manager and staff team. Admin support will also be required.

Additionally, we will be seeking to redeploy Early Childhood Practitioners and Pupil Support Assistants to contribute to the core staff team that will work in the centres.

We will also be seeking support from teaching staff who can be released by their line manager to provide learning and other support to the children.

We will be looking for a large enough pool of staff to provide enough cover for each centre that they are resilient enough to cope with sickness levels of staff.

Breakfasts will be provided by staff, with a hot meal provided by Tayside Contracts at lunch time. A bagged meal will be provided at teatime. Bagged lunches will be provided until delivery of hot meals is organised.

Training and support will be provided to ensure that the Activity Centres are safe places for both children and staff.

A number of Partner Providers will also be providing spaces for children.

These are:

- Craigie Park
- Craigclowan
- Paddingtons
- Fair City
- Bridge of Earn
- Paint Pots
- Little Scallywags
- Red Squirrel
- Honeypot Almondbank
- Auchlone

Woodlea and Fairview will also offer support to families in acute need.

A number of childminders have also agreed to provide childcare for children outwith these areas or for whom a home setting is of benefit.