

The Course

For this course learners must complete 3 Mandatory Units and 1 Additional unit:

Mandatory Units:

- ✓ Children's Development (Exam)
- ✓ Development of Children's Communication, Literacy and Numeracy Skills (Exam)
- ✓ Play and Learning (Assignment set, coursework assessed)

Additional units:

(Assignment set, coursework assessed, below)

- ✓ Keeping Children Safe
- ✓ Working with Parents and Others in Early Years

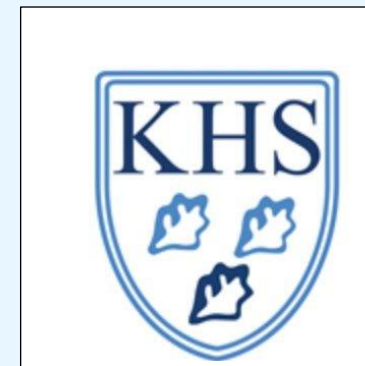
What could this qualification lead to?

This qualification is the main focus of a two-year study programme of learning and is equivalent to one A Level, meaning that learners will be prepared for a range of health and social care degree programmes.

The **Children's Play, Learning and Development** qualification is intended to carry UCAS points and is recognised by higher education providers as contributing to meeting admission requirements to many relevant courses, for example:

- BSc (Hons) in Nursing
- BSc (Hons) in Paediatric Nursing
- BSc (Hons) in Childhood studies
- BA (Hons) in Primary Education.

*This course can **ONLY** be completed as part of a two year pathway.*



Pearson BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development

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Why choose this course?

The early years sector in England is made up of over 80,000 settings, with 1.3 million childcare places for children under five. This ranges from childminders and nannies, to nurseries, crèches and preschools.

The early years sector is one of the largest employment sectors in the UK and opportunities are buoyant. You should choose the course if you are interested in exploring these areas as potential career options or you just have an interest in children and want to combine it with other subjects for a broad and balanced curriculum in the sixth form.



What careers are explored as part of the course?

One of the units, 'Keeping Children Safe' will explore the sector as a whole and give you a good understanding of what it might be like to work in it.

You will gain an understanding of a range of career options within the sector.

Some examples include;

Social worker

Nursing and Midwifery

Play Therapist

Youth, care or support work

Art Therapist

Teaching

SEN Teaching



How is the course assessed?

The course is made up of 4 units, two of which are external exams, one in year 12 and one in year 13. You will also complete course work for which you will receive a grade of either Distinction, Merit or Pass level in each assignment. These grades convert into UCAS points for entry into University. The BTEC Health and Social Care is well regarded for entry into university.



This is a full-time course run over two years. You will be allocated independent study time and will attend placement (*Covid 19 guidelines permitting)

At the end of the two years, depending on your commitment, you could walk away with Distinction Star which is equivalent to 'A' Level 'A*'