

PLAYGROUP CHILDCARE CHOICES

Registered playgroups also known as pre-schools and play-schools can be run by community or voluntary groups and some are privately run.

Most children in playgroups are aged between 2 ½ and 5 years. Most pre-schools have the same term dates as local schools. Most are open from Monday to Friday term-time only. They can be registered for early years education.

Playgroups open for morning or afternoon sessions only, (for between 2 and 4 hours), up to five days a week. No meals are provided. Pre-schools usually charge a fee

Children learn and play in small groups. Staff work with young children and offer lots of opportunities to learn through a wide range of fun activities. Their aim is that children will enjoy a safe and stimulating play environment and so learn to develop socially, emotionally, intellectually and physically.

Playgroups can be a member of the WPPA (Wales Pre-school Playgroups Association). Playgroups within Caerphilly County Borough can achieve accreditation through the Caerphilly EYDCP Quality Standards.

Registered Cylch Meithrin's

Cylch Meithrin aim to give every child, aged between 2 ½ and 5 years, in Caerphilly County Borough the opportunity to benefit from pre-school experiences through the medium of Welsh. The emphasis is on education through play, since play is fundamental to all aspects of child development. They can be registered for early years education.

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An integrated curriculum is developed through activities such as water and sand play, dough and clay, art and craft, table games and jigsaws, imaginative play, climbing apparatus, physical play, stories and songs, which are all part of a cylch's activities.

Cylch's can be a member of the MYM (Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin) which is a national voluntary association of Welsh-medium playgroups. Cylch's within Caerphilly County Borough can achieve accreditation through the Caerphilly EYDCP Quality standards.