

Elm Court School

Childcare Curriculum Overview



Pathway Options Years 10-14 (KS4/ KS5)

Pupils in KS4 and Sixth Form can choose to study a course in Childcare. This qualification helps pupils learn the skills and information they need to take care of young children. It covers children's growth, learning, and development. Pupils have the opportunity to support younger children in The Livity School, visit nurseries and other places of interest as well as take part in simulated activities.

The courses on offer are:

- NCFE Caring for a Child/Children Entry 3 Award / Certificate
- NCFE: Caring for Children Level 1 Award/ Certificate
- NCFE: Introducing Caring for Children and Young People Level 2 Award/Certificate

Pupils start the course at the level they are working at academically and then progress to a higher level throughout the duration of the course.

Pupils in KS4 and Sixth Form will follow the curriculum leading to one of the qualifications below. Most of them will progress from the EL3 Award.

Entry Level 3 Award: Caring for a Child/Children Units covered KS4/KS5	Level 1 Award: Caring for Children Units covered KS4/KS5	Level 2 Award: Caring for children and young people Units covered KS4/KS5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routines for a Young Child <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Role of routine in a young child ➤ Need for a healthy diet for a young child ➤ Dressing a young child for different weather ➤ Supporting a young child to restful sleep 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting babies to play <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How babies' development is supported by play ➤ Play activities for babies ➤ The role of adults in providing play for babies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The value of play to young children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The value of play to young children's development ➤ Different play activities suitable for young children from birth to 5 years 11 months ➤ The role of the adult in providing play for young children

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Lifestyle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The effects of lifestyle on health ➤ Contributing to a healthy lifestyle • Listening to and talking with a young child <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Skills for communicating with a young child ➤ Activities that develop a child's talking and listening skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy eating for families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The importance of a balanced diet ➤ Good eating habits for families ➤ Special food requirements for groups and individuals ➤ How to handle and store food safely • Craft activities for young children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The benefits of craft activities for young children ➤ Health & safety when providing craft activities for young children ➤ Learning what young people can gain from craft activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caring for children in a babysitting environment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Responsibilities in relation to babysitting ➤ Age-appropriate toys and activities for young children from birth to 5 years 11 months ➤ Prepare a young child for sleep • Craft activities for young children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The benefits of craft activities for young children ➤ Health and safety when providing craft activities for young children
<p>Entry Level 3 Certificate Caring for a Child/Children</p> <p>The credits from the above units are transferred to this qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing a safe and hygienic environment for a young child <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Importance of personal hygiene ➤ Signs of ill health in a young child ➤ Keeping a young child safe in the home 	<p>Level 1 Certificate Caring for Children</p> <p>The credits from the above units are transferred to this qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's play and leisure activities in the community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Play and leisure activities for children in the local community ➤ Benefits of play and leisure activities for children 	<p>Level 2 Certificate: Caring for children and young people</p> <p>The credits from the above units are transferred to this qualification:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharing learning experiences with children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How children learn ➤ Using stories and rhymes with young children ➤ The natural world

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's play and leisure activities in the community<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Play and leisure activities for children in the local community➤ Benefits of play and leisure activities for children➤ Role of adults in supporting play and leisure activities in the community• Eating Healthily<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The importance of eating healthily➤ Combining food to make up a balanced diet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Role of adults in supporting play and leisure activities in the community• Musical activities for young children<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The benefits of musical activities for children➤ Making musical activities or musical games for young children• Practical health and safety when with young children<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Health and safety guidelines and instructions➤ Health and safety equipment which helps to keep children safe➤ Fire safety when with young children• Preparing for your next steps<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Personal career goals➤ Opportunities for training and work➤ Preparing for work or training➤ The recruitment process	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Supporting children's learning➤ How local community can be used to broaden children's experiences• Accident prevention and fire safety when babysitting<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Risk assessment and its role in supporting the babysitter➤ Assessing risks in the babysitting environment➤ The role of control measures in fire safety and accident prevention• Respecting and valuing children<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Respect and value children as individuals➤ Ways to respect and value children➤ Rights of children
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How you can support your child in Childcare:

You can support your child by:

- *Setting up a quiet, well-lit space that is free from distractions like TV, video games or noisy siblings for the child to do homework*
- *Giving the child time to complete homework*
- *Establishing a regular time for homework each day to build a routine*
- *Checking the child's work to make sure the presentation is neat and tidy*
- *Get the child involved in assisting with younger siblings (if there are any in the home)*

Please keep in touch with the Childcare teacher should you feel your child is struggling or needs more challenge – let us know.

Emails can be sent to: admin@elmcourt.lambeth.sch.uk