

# Child Development

NCFE CACHE LEVEL 1/2 TECHNICAL AWARD IN CHILD DEVELOPMENT AND CARE IN THE EARLY YEARS 603/7012/9



## The Course

The Level 1/2 Technical Award in Child Development and Care in the Early Years is designed for learners who want an introduction to child development and care that includes a vocational and project-based element. The qualification will appeal to learners who wish to pursue a career in the early years sector or progress onto further study.

## What will be studied?

This qualification will promote the learner's understanding of children (birth to 5 years) and will focus on:

- holistic child development
- factors that influence a child's development
- care routines and activities to support a child
- regulation, policies and procedures in the early years
- expectations of an early years practitioner
- roles and responsibilities within early years settings
- the importance of observations in early years childcare
- the purpose of planning in early years childcare

**This content is taught in year 10 only.**

## Assessment

The qualification has 2 assessments externally set by NCFE: one non-exam assessment (NEA) and one written examined assessment (EA).

### 1.The Non-Exam Assessment (NEA)

- The NEA comprises of a synoptic project and comprises of six tasks with a weighting of 50% of the final grade.
- The NEA is externally set, internally marked and externally moderated.
- You will be prepared for the NEA from September to October of year 11.
- The NEA will be completed over 14 hours total from November to January.
- Prior to the NEA you will have 2 hours to use the internet and textbooks to create a resource sheet which can be used in the NEA. The resource sheet can be 4 sides of an A4 paper and font size 12 must be used.
- Once you have prepared the resource pack it will be checked by your teacher and locked away safely in a secured drawer.
- During each session of the NEA you will access to your prepared resource pack (if the task requires it). Once the session has ended your teacher will take back the resource pack and secure it into a locked drawer.
- During the NEA your teacher will not be able to assist you, they will now act as a supervisor. During the NEA the teacher will continuously read out a script to remind you of their role during the completion of the NEA tasks.
- Once you have completed the NEA, you will have to sign a student declaration form, this ensures that the work of the NEA you have completed is your own work.
- **If you are absent during a NEA task you will have to make up the time after school.**

### 2.The Examined Assessment (EA)

The EA is a written exam for 1 hour and 30 minutes, externally set and externally marked and is worth 50% of your final grade. It is a written examination worth 80 marks. The EA comprises of a mixture of multiple-choice questions, short answer questions and extended response questions. The examination date is expected to take place in May/ June every year.

## Qualification

The total is 100% for the overall qualification. The grades that can be achieved for this qualification are: Level 1 Pass(L1P), Level 1 Merit(L1M), Level 1 Distinction(L1D),Level 2 Pass(L2P), Level 2 Merit(L2M), Level 2 Distinction(L2D), Distinction\*(L2D\*) .