



Cotswold Edge Sixth Form



Subject	Level 3 Children's Play, Learning and Development	Exam board	EDEXCEL 601/7569/2
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Course outline

The BTEC Level 3 National Extended Certificate in Children's Play, Learning and Development gives an introduction to study of the sector. It is intended as an Applied General qualification, and is equivalent in size to one A Level. It supports access to a range of higher education courses, possibly, but not exclusively, in the early years sector if taken alongside further Level 3.



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Course assessment

This course is taught over 2 years and consists of 7 units. Mandatory content (83%), external assessment (66%), 1 optional unit and work experience.

Mandatory Units

1. Children's Development - Written examination, externally marked
2. Development of Children's Communication, Literacy and Numeracy Skills - Task set and marked externally, carried out under supervised conditions
3. Play and Learning – Mandatory Synoptic Unit – internally marked

Optional Units (one of which will be selected to support students vocational interest)

5. Keeping Children Safe
6. Children's Physical Development, Care and Health Needs
8. Working with Parents and Others in Early Years
11. The Early Years Foundation Stage

Work Placement Requirements

50 hours in at least one setting, with children from birth to seven years 11 months.

Course progression

This course will provide experience and knowledge for students who wish to continue studying or follow a route to employment in the early years' sector or within organisations that promote Health and Social Care. Students can tailor their options in year 2 to focus on a particular area of interest to them in their vocational choice. The BTEC extended certificate will also contribute UCAS points for those who wish to study at Higher Education.