



## CARMARTHENSHIRE CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP 'CHILDCARE START UP GRANTS'

### What is it for?

This grant is available to support childcare providers with start up costs associated with establishing **NEW Full Day Care, Sessional Care, Out of School Club Care, or Holiday Care** in order to expand the range of childcare available across Carmarthenshire, to enable parents/carers to access childcare to meet their individual needs and circumstances.

The grant will be available in the form of revenue funding to support running costs associated with establishing new provision. For example, staffing costs, costs associated with promotion and publicity, equipment and premises.

### Who can apply?

Any new group or individual setting providing Full Day Care, Sessional Care, Out of School Club Care, or Holiday Care (*excluding childminders\**) who have recently achieved registration with the Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales (C.S.S.I.W.), or are in the process of registering, and have been allocated a named C.S.S.I.W inspector.

### How much can I apply for?

The following grant levels have been set dependent on the type of setting/provision being established. Only those settings which fall within areas which have been identified within the Carmarthenshire Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2008 as having shortages of specific types of childcare e.g. Welsh medium day nursery provision in Llanelli area will be granted the maximum allocations shown below

<b>Setting</b>	<b>Grant Allocation</b>
Day nursery	Up to a maximum of £1,000
Play Group	Up to a maximum of £500
After School Club	Up to a maximum of £500
Holiday Playscheme	Up to a maximum of £500

## **How do I apply?**

You will need to complete and return a 'Childcare Start Up Grant' application form and attach the necessary documentation to support your application. Please contact the Children's Partnership office on 01267 246555 to request an application form. Our Childcare Development Officer will be able to provide you with further advice and assistance should you require additional guidance.

## **What are the timescales for applications?**

Applications are welcome at any time. There are no set deadlines for submission of applications.

*\*Childminders will not be eligible to apply for Childcare Start up grant funding. The Children's Partnership recognises the valuable contribution that childminders make to providing childcare in the County and in recognition of this already funds the cost of all initial ICP (Introduction to Childminding Practice) course fees, and the costs associated with purchasing a 'Quality Start' pack for all new registered childminders which includes:*

*12 months' NCMA membership*

*12 months' NCMA public liability insurance*

*Free legal representation*

*NCMA Accounts book/Attendance register/accident, incident and medication record folder*

*Fire blanket*

*Childminders are eligible to apply for 'Sustainability' grants funding.*





## **CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT**

The setting must be registered with C.S.S.I.W., or be in the process of completing the registration process and be able to provide the named C.S.S.I.W inspector who is dealing with their application.

The setting must become a member with Mudiad Ysgolion Meithrin, Wales Pre-school Playgroup Association, Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids' Club or the National Day Nursery Association.

The setting must provide full / part time childcare places for parents wishing to return to work or training.

The setting must provide full /part time employment.

Grants should be provided to help establish new childcare places.

Evidence of future sustainability strategy will be required.  
(Please provide a business plan for the next 3 years.)

A business bank account must be opened.

A record will be kept of each grant made and the group / individual will be required to produce a detailed expenditure report and brief summary showing how the grant has been of benefit to the setting and the number of new additional childcare places that have been created.

Repayment of the grant may be demanded if an applicant is found to have made a fraudulent application and or  
The individual moves their business out of the county within 1 year of opening.

The council reserves the right to withdraw or reclaim grant monies should the above conditions fail to be met.

