

# Nursery & Afterschool Research

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## 1. Intro

Terms:

### Early learning and childcare (formerly “Early Years”)

A generic term used to cover the full range of early education and childcare available in Scotland. Funded early learning and childcare (ELC) is available to all 3 and 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds. Currently 600 free hours are provided to each child per year – this is increasing to 1140 hours from August 2020.

**Nursery** – Can refer to Under 3s only. Often a catch-all term which includes pre-school.

**Preschools** – usually 3 to 5 year olds. Pre-school care is often attached to a Primary School and used to only be open in school hours. However, the recent change to government policy means they will open for longer hours in the future. Occasionally they may have baby and toddler rooms.

## 2. Alan Balfour – Daddy Daycare

(14 Nov 2019)

- 3 after school clubs. 1 is half an hour from Victoria Primary School, want a closer location to Victoria and Trinity. Want to branch into nursery providing as well. Site is ideally located. Nursery wise, the area only has 1 nursery in it (one shut down). 1 nursery takes 80 kids but its not big enough especially with the new developments. Not enough after school care. There is only them and 1 other. Only suits people working in town and coming back via their way.
- Need big site, storage, outdoor space. Important for the care inspectorate - they have a set of criteria that must be met.
- Anchor building being used for P1 children currently. For a nursery, they would need more toilets. Only 3 toilets - there is toilet to child ratio, so this would limit the number of

children. 8 years +, need separate toilets for separate sexes. So for after school care need separate boys and girls toilets. Also needs a kitchen.

- There is one room that could be used as a kitchen already. Could get 30 kids in there under 8, with no more toilets, but limits income. Threshold number of children necessary to run the business - need 50 nursery kids. Even more if it was after school.
- Want to work with the Newhaven team to come up with something that suits everybody. Could just to afternoon after school club. Or could just have DaddyDaycare in it. Services to involved older people coming in to help.
- Rent St James Church in Leith Road for £16 an hour. £1,400 a month. Similar size with garden. Vic School slightly larger
- Need to find out from other nurseries what they would pay for rent - Orchard Nursery - townhouse building with a garden. Alan is asking how much rent they pay.
- Will Newhaven have the money to invest in the building themselves or could they factor that into the rent.
- Would want the outdoor space that's everything in front to the building and to the sides - would put up fences etc.
- Parking - no specific requirements. A drop off spot would be good.
- Plans (in dropbox) - original floor plan and version 1 proposal (better access but more expensive) and version 2 (right hand classroom - plumbing already there, but you'd have to walk through the classroom to get to the toilet). Put kitchen by cleaning cupboards in front hall.
- After school club takes around £10k to set up.
- 6 months to register a service.
- Would want a 3-5 year commitment to open and cover the costs to start up.

1 - Daddy Day care all-time (good consistent building - commercial lease) e.g. £3k a month he thinks.

2 - Renting building by the hour (would need more storage)

- Main building. Possibility of 2 services, nursery in anchor building, after school club in the main building. Child protection problems with a shared building. Anyone on the same level of the building would have to be PVG checked. e.g. wouldn't work with a cafe on the same level.

Proposed plans:

### Room legend

- Hub
- Classroom
- Tutorial
- WCs
- Accessible WC
- Store
- Cleaner



Figure 1 Version 1

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Figure 2 Version 2

## 3. Busy Bees – David Lloyd

6 Jan 2020

This nursery is set within the David Lloyd building, in the Newhaven Harbour complex. They have capacity for 58 places and is full most days, and can currently only provide a few half day sessions mid-week. They won't have any full time spaces until August 2020 and there is a waiting list.

#### **4. Bonnington House Nursery**

6 Jan 2020

Located on the edge of Victoria Park in Trinity, Bonnington House Nursery has places for 103 children and is full.