

# Why Choose Registered Childcare? – For Parents/Carers



As parents/carers, you rely on childcare to enable you to work or train, be it Breakfast Clubs, After School Clubs, Holiday Clubs, play schemes, childminders, day nurseries, playgroups, Cylchoedd Meithrin or support from family members.

**Did you know** that most of these settings are registered with **Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW)**? CIW is the **only Regulatory Body in Wales** that inspects childcare and playwork settings and verifies that they are meeting the requirements laid out in the **National Minimum Standards for Regulated Childcare for children up to the age of 12 years old**, in line with the The Child Minding and Day Care (Wales) Regulations 2010.

## Using a CIW Registered Childcare Provider means that:

- Fees can be **more affordable**, with registered settings able to offer schemes such as **Tax-Free Childcare** (enabling eligible working parents/carers to access a real cut in fees of 20%); **The Childcare Offer** (enabling working parents/carers of 3–4 year olds to access 30 hours per week of funded early years education and childcare); funded Flying Start places, and the **childcare element of Tax Credits/Universal Credits**.
- The setting adheres to strict **adult to child ratios**.
- The setting is inspected by CIW against the Inspection Framework within the core themes of Environment, Well-being, Care and Development and Leadership and Management to ensure a quality service is being provided.
- The setting has **comprehensive policies and procedures** in place which ensures a **safe, quality environment** for you child/ren.
- Those working in the setting are suitably checked and trained – this includes relevant Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks. The setting will have an appropriate number of staff trained in first aid, safeguarding and food hygiene. Those working with children in the setting meet the qualification requirements and understand the importance of **learning through play** and how to effectively support children’s learning and development.
- Registered Providers can offer **greater flexible childcare** to better meet your needs compared to un-registered settings.



## How to find out if your Childcare Setting is registered with CIW?

- Registered settings will have a unique Registration Number from CIW on their registration certificate.
- You can search for Registered Childcare settings in your area through the CIW website: <https://careinspectorate.wales/find-care-service>

## Cwlwm

‘Cwlwm’ brings together the five leading childcare organisations in Wales to deliver a bilingual integrated service that will ensure the best possible outcomes for children and families across Wales.

‘Cwlwm’ organisations are Early Years Wales, Clybiau Plant Cymru Kids Clubs, Mudiad Meithrin, National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA Cymru) and PACEY Cymru.



	CIW registered childcare and playwork settings	Unregistered childcare
Access to financial support through Government schemes	✓	✗
Adherence to prescribed minimum adult to child ratios	✓	✗
Assurance that all staff have valid DBS checks and the setting complies with training and qualification requirements	✓	✗
Confidence that a safe, quality education, care and play environment is offered that meets the requirements of the regulations and National Minimum Standards	✓	✗
Ability to offer opening times that meet the needs of working parents/carers	✓	✗
Ability to make an informed choice of childcare option, based on CIW Inspection Reports	✓	✗
Policies and procedures in place and adhered to	✓	✗
Unannounced inspections by CIW	✓	✗

- CIW Inspection Reports can be found online (<https://careinspectorate.wales/find-care-service>) and are a useful tool when making your childcare choice.



[www.clybiauplantcymru.org](http://www.clybiauplantcymru.org)

[www.meithrin.cymru](http://www.meithrin.cymru)

[www.ndna.org.uk](http://www.ndna.org.uk)

[www.pacey.org.uk](http://www.pacey.org.uk)

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