

# The Benefits to Early Years, Childcare and Playwork Settings of being Registered with Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW).



**Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW)** on behalf of Welsh Government registers, regulates, inspects and takes action to improve the quality and safety of childcare and playwork settings. If settings run for more than 2 hours per day (including split sessions if providers are employed by the same employer or voluntary committee) or for six or more days in a calendar year (for children up to the age of 12 years), it must in most circumstances by law, be registered with CIW unless covered by the exceptions regulations.

Registered childcare settings may display their Registration Certificate and further information on finding a suitable childcare setting can be found at [Find a care service | Care Inspectorate Wales](#).

## Why it is important for you to be registered with CIW?

### Reassurance of quality for parents/carers ✓

There are many different types of early years, childcare and playwork settings available for children, parents/carers to choose from. You can give them peace of mind that you are offering quality childcare by meeting the [National Minimum Standards for Regulated Childcare](#) for children up to the age of 12 years. You can choose whether to display your CIW registration certificate. Parents/carers can also access your inspection reports to make informed childcare choices for their children.



### Encourages better outcomes for children ✓

Quality CIW registered settings provide valuable play and learning opportunities for children helping them develop independence and new skills. Attending a quality childcare setting has a significant positive influence on a child's development.

### Gives flexibility ✓

You can better meet the needs of working or training parents/carers as you can open longer and provide a flexible service. This could include full day, sessional care, breakfast club, wrap around, crèche facilities, after school and holiday care and even evenings, weekends and overnight care.



### Inspires confidence ✓

Families, communities, schools, and others can be confident that you are providing quality, stimulating childcare, play and education. Registration enhances your reputation and raises your profile.

### Sustainability ✓

You can help parents/carers access support with [childcare fees](#) (e.g. Tax-Free Childcare) which will boost attendance and income. There may also be opportunities for you to access funding to extend or sustain childcare provision through Local Authorities, for example the [Childcare Offer](#) (30 hours of funded early years childcare and education) and enjoy free promotion through their [Family Information Services](#) or [Dewis Cymru](#), which shares information on registered childcare with interested parents/carers.



### Trained and qualified staff ✓

Parents and carers value quality staff. You and any staff will:

- hold relevant professional childcare or playwork qualifications and other training such as first aid, food hygiene and safeguarding
- have received thorough checks (including Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS checks) and references)
- be adhering to strict adult: child ratios

This gives families peace of mind.

### Economical childcare ✓

To make your fees more [affordable](#) to eligible parents/carers, you are able register for:

- Tax-Free Childcare (enabling eligible working parents/carers to access a reduction 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)
- Flying Start and Early Years Education in applicable areas
- Childcare Vouchers (no longer open to new applications) and
- the childcare element of Tax Credits/ Universal Credits.



### Recognises the needs of families ✓

You can assure parents/carers of quality childcare for their children. Children attending settings are encouraged to contribute their ideas and know that their views will be listened to by staff and can explore, be challenged and have fun through learning and play.

### 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.



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