

Child Development

This vocational qualification gives a basic introduction to child development. It has been designed to meet the needs of pupils from the age of 14 years and includes the knowledge and understanding of child development and well-being necessary for working with children in a variety of settings.

The Award is aimed at a range of pupils who wish to be introduced to childcare and development for children aged 0-5 years and it gives learners an insight into how children grow and develop.

Year 10

Unit RO18: In this unit pupils will learn about the roles and responsibilities of parents when supporting and providing for children. It also looks at antenatal care, different stages of pregnancy and the preparation for birth. This includes the 3 stages of labour, and characteristics of new born babies. They will also learn about how help is provided for babies who need special care after birth. Pupils will learn how to recognise, manage and prevent childhood illnesses as well as child safety.

Unit RO19: This unit looks at the key factors that influence the choice of various types of equipment for babies 0-5 years. Pupils will investigate the different types of travelling, feeding, sleeping equipment, clothing and footwear for children aged 0-5 years by select the most appropriate equipment for a nursery setting. They will also learn about the nutritional guidelines and requirements for children from birth to 5 years. Pupils will carry out a practical investigation into the feeding solutions for a child aged between birth and 5 years.

Year 11

Unit 3. RO20: This unit focuses on holistic development and factors that affect development. Pupils will learn about the intellectual, physical and social norms of children. They will also learn about the benefits of learning through play. Pupils will be expected to observe a child under 5 carrying out a planned activity so that they can support their development through the appropriate activity and evaluate their observations.

What skills will I develop?

This qualification provides the opportunity to gain a vocational qualification that gives a basic introduction to the sector. It includes the knowledge and understanding of child development and well-being necessary for working with children in a variety of settings. It is aimed at a range of pupils who wish to be introduced to childcare and development of children aged 0-5 years.

How will I be assessed?

Two coursework units (RO19 and RO20) will be assessed through written assignments and coursework. The final unit will be assessed through a written exam.