

## UNITED KINGDOM : Main types of Early Childhood Education & Care services for children below school age

Name of Provision <sup>1</sup>	Type of Arrangement <sup>2</sup>	Ages Served <sup>3</sup>	Sector of Provision <sup>4</sup>	Opening Hours <sup>5*</sup>	Registration Criteria <sup>6</sup>	Priority Criteria <sup>7</sup>
Family day care / Childminder	family daycare	<5years	PR	full time	UNIV	NO
Day nursery	day nursery	<5years	PR <sup>δ</sup>	full time	UNIV	NO
Day nursery	day nursery	<5years	1/2PR <sup>δ</sup>	full time	UNIV	SP,ECO
Preschool playgroup	playgroup	2-<5years	1/2PR	part time	UNIV	NO
Nursery Classes <sup>α</sup>	preschool	3-<5years	PB	part time	UNIV	NO
Reception Class <sup>β</sup>	preschool class	4years	PB	full time (school terms)	UNIV	NO
Children's Centre <sup>γ</sup>	social programme	<5years	PR & 1/2PR <sup>ε</sup>	full time	PRIOR	SP, ECO

**Name of Provision<sup>1</sup>** : Original name of main institutional arrangements providing early childhood education and care within the country

**Type of Arrangement<sup>2</sup>** : Basic nomenclature of early childhood education and care services

**Ages Served<sup>3</sup>** : <5years = 0 to 59 months old ; 2-<5 years = 24 to 71 months old ; 3-<5years = 36 to 71 months old; 4years = 48 to 59 months old

**Sector of Provision<sup>4</sup>** : According to the provider of care, **PB** when = the government (local/regional or national/federal); **1/2 PR** when= the non profit private sector; **PR** when = the for profit private sector

**Opening Hours<sup>5</sup>** = (\*) Considering the diversity of options, we only present here global opening hours.

Regular opening hours of the arrangement during the year : full time : >=30 hours per week (OECD) ; part time : <30 hours per week (OECD)

**Registration Criteria<sup>6</sup>** = Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in that type of arrangement :

**UNIV** = there are no criteria restricting the admission ; **PRIOR** = see "priority criteria"

**Priority Criteria<sup>7</sup>** = Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in priority in that type of arrangement :

**NO** = no priority criteria of access to registration ; **SP** = Special needs of the child or family ; **ECO** = financial situation of the family

**Additional Notes** : (α) Attached to primary schools ; (β) Except in Scotland, where there are no reception class ; (γ) In disadvantaged areas ;

(δ) Day nurseries are for the most part (80%) private for profit ; (ε) Children's centres are part of the government's programme even though they are provided in the PR & 1/2PR sectors only

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