Information for Families

University Nursery
Students and staff are eligible to apply for a place at the University of Dundee Nursery located in the Dundee University Students’ Association (DUSA) building and Airlie Place. University Nursery provide childcare for children age 0-5 and helps prepare children for entry into primary education.

Places are available full-time or part-time. There is often a waiting list so you are advised to enquire and apply early. Children under 2 can be added to the waiting list in advance. The Nursery is registered with the Childcare Voucher Schemes, http://www.dundee.ac.uk/studentservices/childcare/

Local Nursery Schools
To enrol your child at a local nursery school you should contact the school directly to find out about places, and their enrolment process. A list of local nursery schools can be found on the Dundee City Council website, http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/childcare/childcareinfo email: cis@dundeecity.gov.uk Tel: 01382 433900

Primary Schools
Applications for Primary School places can only be submitted once you are in the country. Application forms are available from Dundee House, 50 North Lindsay Street, Dundee DD1 1NL. This should be completed and returned to Dundee House, along with:

- original birth certificates of the child
- proof of address (dated within the last 2 months)
- relevant passports / visa / identity cards for the child and parents
- any other documents requested on the application form

Once the application has been received the Primary Team will be able to confirm if suitable places are available.

Secondary Schools
Applications for Secondary School places can only be submitted once you are in the country. Application forms are available from Dundee House, 50 North Lindsay Street, Dundee DD1 1NL. This should be completed and returned to Dundee House, along with:

- original birth certificates of the child
- proof of address (dated within the last 2 months)
- relevant passports / visa / identity cards for the child and parents
- any other documents requested on the application form

Bilingual Pupils Support Service
Dundee is a multilingual, multicultural city with over 60 languages spoken in local schools. The bilingual service offers support to pupils, their parents and teachers. Email bilingualservice@dundeecity.gov.uk or call 01382 438055.

Adult Learning
The Adult Learning section of Dundee City Council works with adults of all ages, aiming to improve the life changes of people living in local communities through learning and personal development. They work in partnership with other organisations to make sure they have a wide range of opportunities for people to get involved with and provide a range of fun family learning activities for adult and children under 5’s. They provide extra help for people to take part in learning e.g. crech provision. They also run English classes for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). For more information, email discover.learning@dundeecity.gov.uk or telephone them on 01382 666665. For the latest information, sign on to the Facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/discoverlearningdundee

Parent Services Development work and Groups
Parent Services is part of the Early Years Team in the Education Department at Dundee City Council. They provide support for families through mentoring, developing and deliver a range of services for Dundee families with young children. Services provided included twins and multiples support group and support group for children between birth and UoD-Int-Adv 16 2017-07-17
five years who have additional needs. They also run PEEP Groups (Parent Early Education Partnership) which promote the role of parents and carers as their child’s first and most important educator. For further information, please see [http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/education/workgroups](http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/education/workgroups) or contact Linda and Dawn on 01382 434888, email linda.dempster@dundeecity.gov.uk or dawn.banks@dundeecity.gov.uk

**Translation and Interpretation Service**

Dundee City Council has a translation and interpreting service that can offer interpreting in a range of languages. You can contact this service by phoning 01382 435825 or email translation@dundeecity.gov.uk. Alternatively, ask for the translation service at Mitchell Street Centre, Mitchell Street, Dundee DD2 2LJ [http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/a2z/interpreting/](http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/a2z/interpreting/)

**University International Families Group**

The University International Families Group meet every Wednesday morning during the university term time from 10:00am to 1:00pm in the Chaplaincy Centre (No 31 on the campus map) near the Library. It is an opportunity to meet and make new friends, with toys available for children and free refreshments. A great opportunity to practice speaking English also. You can email farquars@friendsinternational.org.uk for further information.

Details of other regular events catering for International Students and their families can be found in the International Advice Service website, [www.dundee.ac.uk/international/support/events/regular.htm](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/international/support/events/regular.htm)

**Dundee International Women’s Centre**

The DIWC has been around for 40 years, and provides a view range of social, educational, recreational and volunteering activities, such as classes, training, information and advice. The Centre runs programmes such as English language classes, cooking classes and IT skills classes for women of all ages.

The Centre is open Monday to Friday at Unit 9, Manhattan Business Park, Dundonald Street, Dundee, DD3 7PY. Further information can be found at [www.diwc.co.uk](http://www.diwc.co.uk) Tel: 01382 462058 Directions to: [http://diwc.co.uk/contact-us/](http://diwc.co.uk/contact-us/)

**Parent and Child Groups**

*The Dundee Contemporary Arts Centre (DCA)* has “Bring a Baby” film showings for parents with young babies. Details can be found on the DCA website, [http://www.dca.org.uk/whats-on/films/bring-a-baby](http://www.dca.org.uk/whats-on/films/bring-a-baby)

Bring a Baby screenings are exclusively for people taking care of babies under 12 months old. You can bring your buggies and prams into the cinema and we provide changing mats too. Screenings are exclusively for adults with a baby who is 12 months or under. No more than two adults per baby, please.

**Dundee City Council’s Family Learning** provide support and encouragement to parents in engaging more fully in their children’s learning through group activities. For further information please contact Liz Allardice on 01382 435827.

*The Gate Church, 158 Perth Road* – Yummy Mummy’s – a weekly meet up for mums and babies. Where you can make friends and enjoy something new every week from beauty treatments, creative sessions, interesting tutorials, including inspiring guest speakers and more. Coffee and cakes and plenty of toys and helping hands for the little ones. Tuesday 1 – 2.30pm for more information Tel: 01382 221222 or email: info@gatechurch.co.uk

**What’s on in Dundee and the surrounding area?** A comprehensive diary available on Dundee City council’s web pages, updated daily, with over 2000 events at any one time. Lots to do and see with your family. Find out more e.g. Camperdown Country park, a short bus journey from the city centre: [www.dundeecity.gov.uk/events](http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/events)

**English Classes**

Dundee and Angus College offers full and part time courses leading to internationally recognised English language qualifications. Information on fees and how to apply can be found on the website, [http://www.dundeeargus.ac.uk/](http://www.dundeeargus.ac.uk/)

The Mitchell Street Centre Adult Learning Team offers ‘Learning in the Community’ and the Centre also offers free internet access and has a crèche. Further information is available on the Dundee City Council website, [http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/communities/mitchellstreetcentre/](http://www.dundeecity.gov.uk/communities/mitchellstreetcentre/) or you can call 01382 435808.

If you have difficulties understanding English, please contact: Dundee Translation and Interpretation Service, Dundee City Council, Communities and Policy Division, Mitchell Street Centre, Mitchell Street, Dundee DD2 2LJ 01382 435825

**Visa Information**

Information regarding dependants’ visa applications, please refer to factsheet 4. Application forms for dependants and policy guidance can be found here [www.dundee.ac.uk/international/support/factsheets](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/international/support/factsheets)

For information regarding family and friends visiting while you study please refer to factsheet 9. [www.dundee.ac.uk/international/support/factsheets](http://www.dundee.ac.uk/international/support/factsheets)