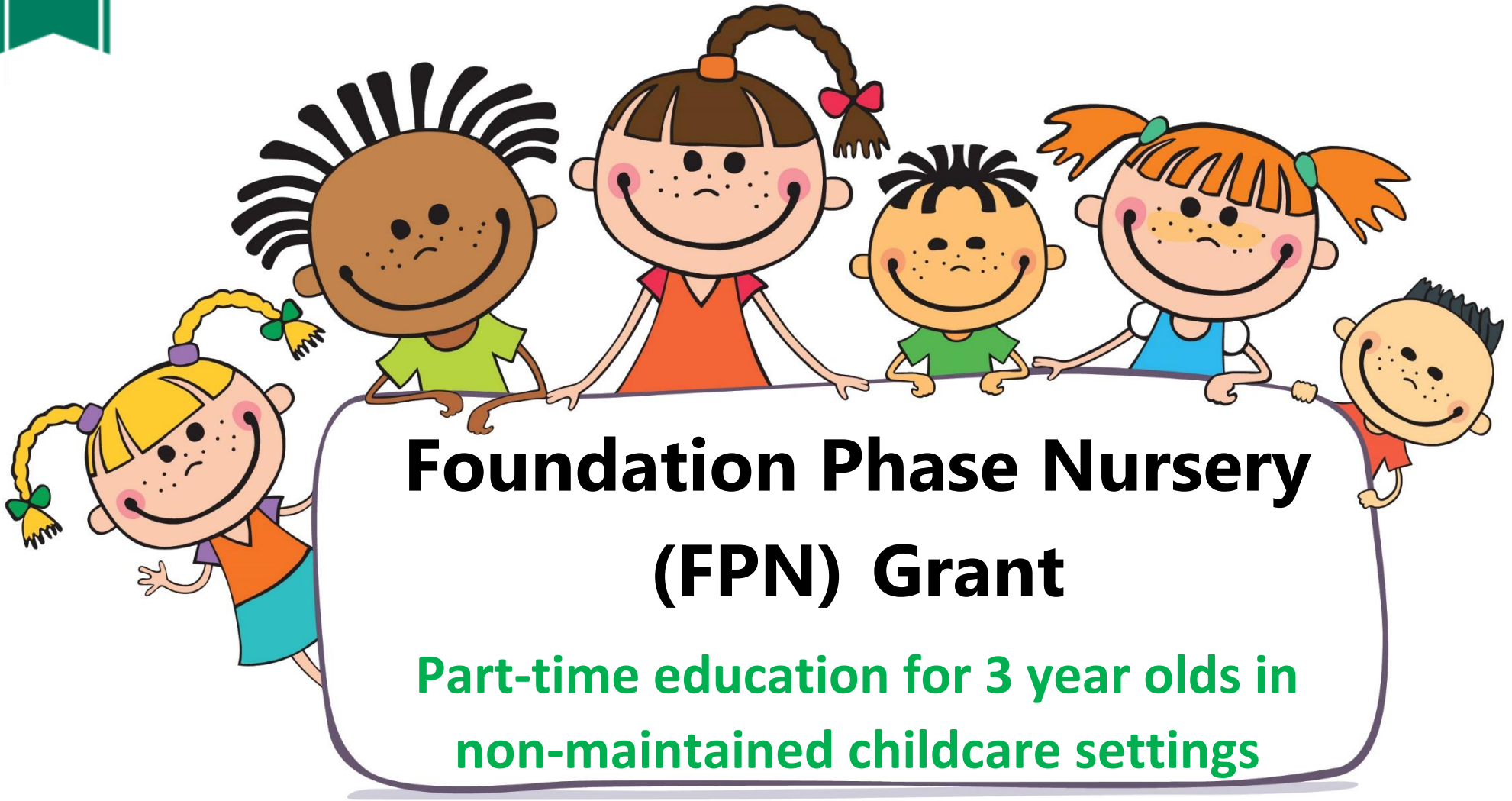




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A colorful illustration of six diverse children of various ethnicities and hair colors (brown, blonde, orange, yellow) holding a large white sign with a purple border. The children are smiling and looking towards the viewer. The sign contains text about the Foundation Phase Nursery (FPN) Grant.

**Foundation Phase Nursery
(FPN) Grant**

Part-time education for 3 year olds in
non-maintained childcare settings

What is Foundation Phase Nursery (FPN)?

The Foundation Phase Nursery provides the start of the Foundation Phase curriculum (FPN) in Wales. All children in Wales are entitled to a free, part-time Foundation Phase Nursery place in an approved early years setting from the term following their third birthday and prior to gaining full time entry into school.

Pembrokeshire County Council agrees to provide the funding received from Welsh Government to offer all eligible children a minimum of 10 hours funded part-time education in an approved setting during the school term. Parents can choose to take up the child's entitlement either in a **maintained** or a **non-maintained setting**.

A maintained setting – a nursery class in a school offering **10 hours or more a week** of funded Foundation Phase Nursery (FPN).

OR

A non-maintained setting – which could be a private day nursery, a playgroup or a Cylch Meithrin that has approved status offering **10 hours a week** of funded Foundation Phase Nursery (FPN) over a minimum of 3 days.

All non-maintained approved settings who receive the funding:

- Are registered with the local education authority to deliver the part time Foundation Phase Nursery
- Are Inspected by CIW and ESTYN on a regular basis
- Supported by a qualified teacher on a regular basis
- Have appropriately trained staff
- Deliver Foundation Phase Curriculum (statutory curriculum for all three to seven year olds in Wales)



Where can I access Foundation Phase Nursery in Pembrokeshire?

Below is a list of all approved **non-maintained settings** that deliver Foundation Phase Nursery in Pembrokeshire:

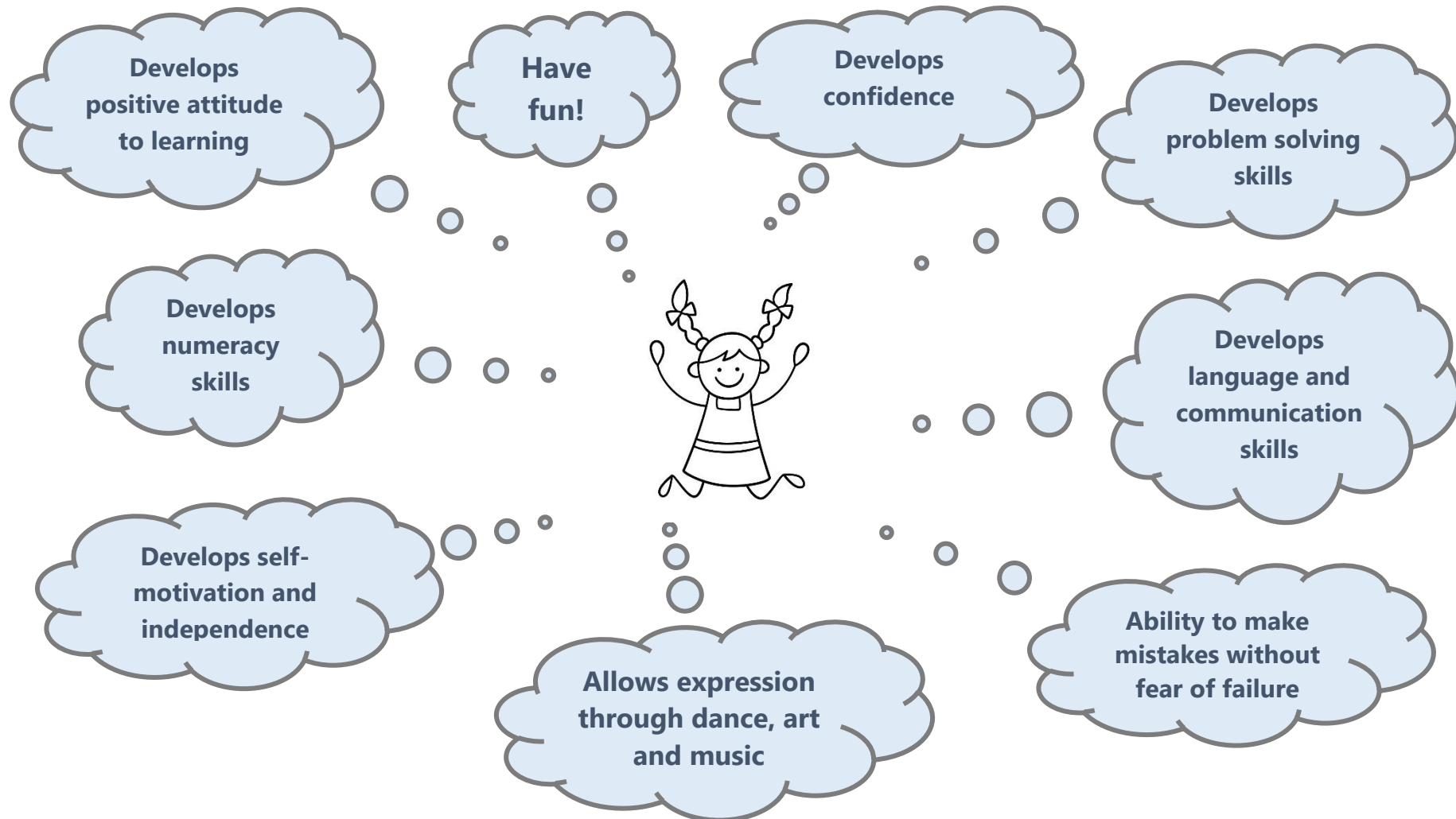
- **Bright Start Nursery** - Pembrokeshire College, Haverfordwest, SA61 1SZ
- **Broad Haven Playgroup** - Village Hall, Marine Road, Broad Haven, SA62 3JS
- **Camrose and Roch Playgroup** – Pelcomb Community Centre, Haverfordwest, SA62 6AA
- **Cylch Meithrin Abergwaun** - Fishguard Leisure Centre, Fishguard, SA65 9DT
- **Cylch Meithrin Arberth** - Bloomfield Community Centre, Redstone Road, Narberth, SA67 7EP
- **Cylch Meithrin Bwlchygroes** - Yr Hen Ysgol, Neuadd Bwlchygroes, SA35 0DP
- **Cylch Meithrin Casmael** - Puncheston School, Haverfordwest, SA62 5RL
- **Cylch Meithrin Crymych** – Caban, Ysgol y Frenni, SA41 3QH
- **Cylch Meithrin Eglwysrwrw** – Yr Hen Ysgol, Eglwysrwrw, SA41 3SN
- **Cylch Meithrin Hermon** – Canolfan Hermon, Hermon, SA36 0DT
- **Cylch Meithrin Maenclochog** - Neuadd Gymunedol, Maenclochog, SA66 7LB
- **Noah's Ark Childcare** - Tabernacle Lane, Narberth, SA67 7DE
- **Playdays Fishguard** - Crowne Building, Brodog Lane, Fishguard, SA65 9NT
- **Spittal Playgroup**- Church Hall, The Green, Spittal, SA62 5QT
- **Stepping Stones** - 18A Bush Row, Haverfordwest SA61 1RJ
- **Tabernacle Kindergarten** - Tabernacle Church School Room, 93 Main Street, Pembroke, SA71 4DE
- **Tavernspite playgroup** - Tavernspite Village Hall, Tavernspite, SA34 0NL
- **Templetots Playgroup** - Templeton School, Templeton, SA67 8RS

Note: Please speak to your chosen Foundation Phase Nursery (FPN) setting and have your child's place agreed before you submit an application.



What will my child gain from attending Foundation Phase Nursery in a non-maintained setting?

Although it is not statutory for your child to attend Foundation Phase Nursery prior to gaining full time place in school, this is a very important phase in your child's life as it lays the building blocks for their future learning and is part of the current and future curriculum. Foundation Phase Nursery (also referred to as FPN) is a general term used to describe the time your child spends in the Foundation Phase during the ages of three and four.



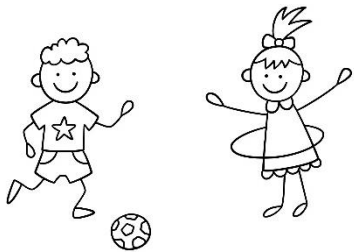
How do I apply for Foundation Phase Nursery in a non-maintained setting?

You will need to talk to the childcare provider (non-maintained setting) that you are currently using (or intend to use) for your child's funded Foundation Phase Nursery.

The childcare provider will check when your child will become eligible. If your child is eligible, you will be asked to complete an on-line parent application:

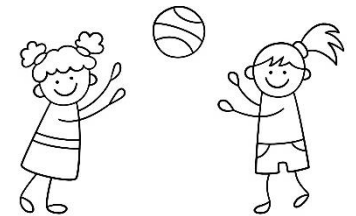
How does it work?

1. Contact your chosen Foundation Phase Nursery setting and have your child's place agreed



2. **Complete On-line application [here](#).**

Whilst applicants will be signing a disclaimer to confirm that they meet the criteria for eligibility, it is expected that each application is also supported by documentary evidence of the child's date of birth (either a birth certificate/passport/medical health records) and proof of a Pembrokeshire address.





3. Once you have submitted your application, you will receive an email confirming that your application has been received.



4. It can take up to 14 working days for your application to be processed. Once your application has been processed, you will receive another email approving/declining your application.



5. If your application has been approved, an email will be sent to your chosen non-maintained setting with confirmation of a funded place.

Funding will then be released directly to your chosen setting once the application has been approved.

When can my child access Foundation Phase Nursery (FPN)?

Child's Date of Birth	When can my child access Foundation Phase Nursery?
1 st January 2018 – 31 st March 2018	Summer 2021
1 st April 2018 – 31 st August 2018	Autumn 2021
1 st September 2018– 31 st December 2018	Spring 2022
1 st January 2019 – 31 st March 2019	Summer 2022

Please note: Applications must be submitted within 10 working days of the start of each academic term. Exceptional circumstances will be considered on an individual basis.

The Childcare Offer for Wales



On top of the entitlement of 10 hours a week of free early years education (which is available to all children), you may also be able to benefit from an additional 20 hours of funded childcare. To find out more about the Childcare Offer please contact Pembrokeshire County Council:



[https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/the-childcare-offer-wales.](https://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/the-childcare-offer-wales)



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