

Welcome to Children, Schools & Families

We are looking forward to you joining us in the autumn. You may have studied this subject already or this might be completely new to you. Whatever your starting point, we are ready to support you with your learning.

You will find a range of resources below to help you prepare for your course. Keep notes about what you have found out or learnt to support your learning later on.

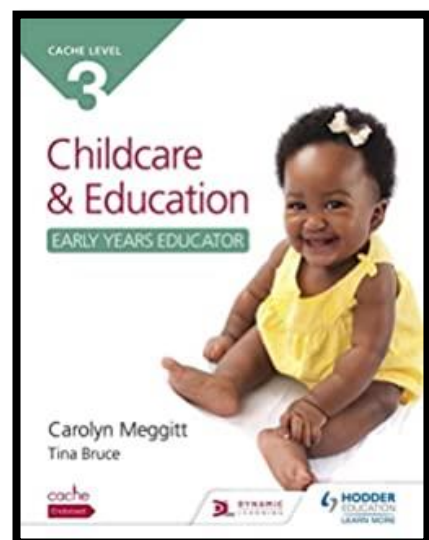
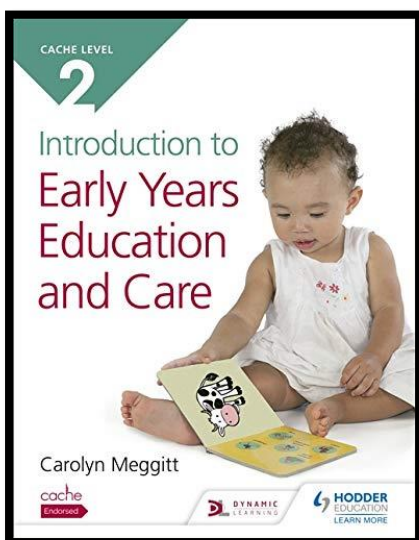
Read

Books | Magazines | Newspapers | Websites

There are lots of Magazines and books available that are paper based and online about early education & childcare.

These magazines, books and blogs have key articles, facts and information about the sector for you to browse through.

- Nursery World
- National Day Nursery
- TES
- Teach Primary
- Early Childhood Studies by Sascha Powell and Kate Smith
- How Children Learn by Linda Pound
- Learning theories for early years practice by Sean Macblain
- Introduction to early childhood by Tim Waller and Geraldine Davis
- There are many reliable websites and blogs that feature relevant articles that you might find useful too. This link is based around the topic of curiosity and its ability to fuel a child's learning: <https://www.earlyyearseducator.co.uk/features/article/focus-how-curiosity-is-key-to-learning>



These are the two key textbooks for our Cache 'Early Years' courses and can help prepare you for the topics you will study depending on whether you enrolled on level 2 or level 3.

Watch

TV | Movies | YouTube

There are a multitude of TV series and YouTube videos that focus on children's behaviour, learning and even their birth stories. Watching these could help introduce you to some of the topics and specialist language we'll explore.



The 3 Day Nanny:

Over the course of three days, Nanny Mewes offers help and advice to parents who are struggling to cope with their problem children in an effort to restore balance to family life.



Super Nanny - The show features professional nanny Jo Frost, who devotes each episode to helping a family where the parents are struggling with their child-rearing.

Other shows and links worth exploring include:

- One born every minute
- Cbeebies - Mr Tumble
- Old peoples home for 4 year olds
- The secret world of babies.
- Child of our time.
- <https://youtu.be/vnH4Ijen7OI> - The importance of Play
- <https://youtu.be/5tjRPWPhIfA> - A child's right to play

Listen

Podcast | Radio | Audible

This podcast covers the hot topic of screen time, and in this episode in particular, is it appropriate or necessary for children under the age of two years?

<https://player.fm/series/little-birdies-childcare>

The screenshot shows the Player FM interface for the 'Little Birdies Childcare' series. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Discover', 'Signup', and 'Login'. The series title 'Little Birdies Childcare' is prominently displayed with a logo featuring three stylized birds. Below the title are three buttons: 'Subscribe', 'Play', and 'Share'. A 'Series home' link and a 'Feed' section with the text 'Know what you don't know about the Education Field!' are also visible. A filter menu shows 'Newest' selected. The featured episode, 'Screen Time for Children Younger than Two Years Old', is shown with a play button, a '12:03' duration, and a '10 days ago' timestamp. A sidebar on the right contains a 'Download the App!' section with 'App Store' and 'Google Play' buttons, and an advertisement for Albert Einstein's 160th birthday.

The screenshot displays the aCast website interface. At the top, the 'aCast' logo is on the left and a search icon is on the right. The main content area features a large podcast cover for 'Happy Mum, Happy Baby' with the subtitle 'The Duchess of Cambridge on the early years'. The cover art shows two women, one of whom is Kate Middleton, sitting at a table with microphones. Below the cover, the episode title 'Happy Mum Happy Baby' and 'The Duchess of Cambridge on the early years' are listed, along with the date '15/02/2020', duration '34 min', and options to 'Subscribe' and 'Share'. The aCast logo is also present in the bottom right corner of the episode card. Below the episode card, there is a section for 'EPISODE DETAILS'.

Listen to Kate Middleton discussing her 5 questions survey and its impact on the Early Years.

Get Involved

Competitions | Social Media | Webinar | MOOCs

The internet is saturated with posts and pages dedicated to childcare and early education. They are littered with ideas and inspiration and are well worth a look! Or why not make one of your own and share your own ideas and experiences?

