

## SUBJECT:

# CHILD DEVELOPMENT LEVEL 1 & 2

Head of Department: Mrs Walters

OCR Level 1/2  
Cambridge  
National Certificate  
Exam Board: OCR

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

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### Unit 1

The first unit underpins all of the other learning in this qualification. All students will learn the essential knowledge and understanding for child development, covering reproduction, parental responsibility, antenatal care, birth, postnatal checks, care, conditions for development, childhood illnesses and child safety. Knowledge gained would be of use for further studies in PHSE, Biology and other Child Development qualifications.

### Unit 2

Students will gain knowledge of the equipment needs of babies and young children and an understanding of the factors to be considered when choosing appropriate equipment to meet all of these needs. They will also gain knowledge of nutrition and hygiene practices and will be given the opportunity to evaluate dietary choices. Evaluation skills are transferable skills which would be of use in further studies in most areas.

### Unit 3

Students will gain knowledge of, and skills in, developing activities to observe development norms in children up to the age of five. This unit will include researching, planning, carrying out activities with children and observing and reviewing these activities, as well as an understanding of the development norms and the benefits of play in child development. These transferable skills will support further studies in many other subjects.

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## Assessment

This qualification is 120 Guided Learning Hours, and is equivalent to a GCSE in both size and in rigour.

It consists of three units: one examined and two internally assessed and externally moderated, comprising 50% for the exam and 25% for the other two units.

Like all Cambridge Nationals, there are two exam sessions a year, with opportunities for resits and the best mark counts.

## Subject Teachers

Mrs Walters (Head of Department)

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## Higher Education Courses/Careers

Sixth Form: GCE Health and social care.

CACHE Level 3 Diploma for Children's Care, Learning and Development

BTEC Nationals: Children's Play, Learning and Development

Careers where this course may be useful are youth and community work, the charity sector, social work and teaching.

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