

Subject: Cambridge National level 1 & 2 Child Development

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Examination Board / Syllabus: OCR J818

Introduction

Health and wellbeing for child development

- Create a safe environment and understand the nutritional needs of children from birth to five years
- Understand the development of a child from one to five years

Students who opt for this course will need to have access to a child on which to base their observations. The child should be between 6 months and 5 years at the start of the study.

What will I study?

The exam: One exam of 75 minutes, which will test a candidate's knowledge and recall of the compulsory topic "Health and Wellbeing for Child Development". Quality of written communication will also be assessed. This will be marked by the exam board externally.

School Assessed Tasks

Each student will be required to produce 2 extended coursework assignments;

- 1) An investigation to review and compare essential equipment for a nursery, identify and prevent accidents, recommend healthy meal choices and plan, prepare and evaluate a feed or meal.
- 2) Observe and compare a child (upon whom they have decided to base their studies) to developmental norms and plan and evaluate a suitable play activity.

The coursework assignment brief will be set by OCR yearly focussing on each learnt area of study. Students will have between 10-14 hours of class time to complete each piece. The tasks will be marked by the teacher and moderated externally by the exam board.

Skills needed to study this subject: You should be interested in and confident around young children and keen to observe and understand their stages of physical, intellectual and social development. Good literacy skills are required as there is a considerable amount of theory and written work. Higher marks are awarded for accurate spelling, grammar and punctuation. You need to have the ability to work independently on two extended coursework tasks.

How will my work be assessed?

- Coursework: 60%
- Exam: 40%

What would this subject enable me to do when I leave school?

Possible Careers + Future Study: This course can lead to: further study in Health and Social Care; a career working with children, for example Nursery Nurse, Early Years Teacher, Primary School Teacher, Social Worker.