

Early Years & Childcare Licence Opportunity – Ardleigh Village Hall

Ardleigh Parish Council (as Sole Trustee of Ardleigh Village Hall) is excited to offer a licence opportunity for an Early Years childcare facility in North East Essex.

We are seeking a passionate and experienced childcare provider—either new or established—to run a high-quality pack-away day care service for children aged 3 months to 5 years.

What we're looking for:

- Existing providers must hold an Ofsted rating of Good or Outstanding.
- New providers should demonstrate a clear plan for achieving these standards.
- Commitment to delivering funded early education entitlement (FEEE) places under contract with Essex County Council.
- Ability to provide a flexible, high-quality service for local families.

About the venue: Ardleigh Village Hall has a strong history of hosting a busy, term-time pre-school, serving families in Ardleigh and surrounding areas. This is a fantastic opportunity to create a thriving early years setting.

How to Apply

1. Read the supporting documents on our website <https://ardleigh.website/early-years> to understand the project scope and requirements.
2. Contact us to arrange a site visit and discuss the opportunity in more detail.
3. Submit a letter of application, two references and copies of relevant documents which show that you meet the above requirements by email to avh@ardleigh-pc.gov.uk.

Key dates:

- Applications open: 10 December 2025
- Deadline for submissions: midnight on 10 January 2026