

Top 10 careers by Yr. 11

No.1 Work with Children

The work

Jobs that involve working with children include:

- general childcare, teaching and community work – such as early years staff, nannies, residential childcare workers, teachers, teaching assistants and playworkers
- medical and healthcare jobs – such as doctors, dentists, nurses, midwives, speech and language therapists, and orthoptists
- helping children with social and emotional problems – such as social workers, psychologists, education welfare officers and play therapists.

Education and training

Opportunities involving work with children are available at all levels, from jobs with no formal entry requirements through to those requiring degree-level study and beyond. Some jobs require you to gain relevant qualifications prior to entry.

What it takes

To work with children you need:

- the ability to relate to children from all sorts of backgrounds – and their parents/carers
- good communication skills
- to be patient, understanding and caring
- plenty of common sense and initiative
- a responsible and dependable personality.

Prospects

With experience, training and further qualifications (often gained in the workplace), most jobs offer opportunities for promotion.

For further information

CACHE - tel: 0345 347 2123. Offers various qualifications relevant for those working with children.

www.cache.org.uk

Skills for Care - tel: 0113 241 1275.

www.skillsforcare.org.uk/care-careers/think-care-careers

The website of the **Care Council for Wales** carries information on working in early years and childcare, and in social work/social care:

www.ccwales.org.uk/careers

The following careers website includes an interactive video challenge to find out whether you have what it takes to work in care, and videos of people who work with children:

www.aquestionofcare.org.uk