

# **BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Children's Play, Learning and Development**

## **Get ready for external assessment**

**Your quick-reference support guide for teachers  
and tutors**



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# Why have we created this guide?

We have created this easy-to-use guide to bring together details of all the support materials and key information you can use to help prepare your learners for the external assessments in the Sport sector, provided at a unit level.

We have also included within this guide a list of any changes from previous assessment windows which you should be aware of and included details of forthcoming support.

We would also suggest that you refer to the Instructions for Conducting External Assessments document. This guide provides you with the information you need to carry out external assessments for BTEC Nationals. It takes you through: what you need to do; who's responsible at each stage and; gives additional advice and guidance around best practice. This document can be found [here](#).



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# What does this guide provide?

This short guide presents all information below at unit level:

- a breakdown of our existing support
- an overview of what additional support is coming up
- an offer to purchase revision guides and workbooks at a discounted rate (limited time available)\*
- a list of external assessment dates for summer 2018
- Key changes to be aware of

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# Choose your unit...

## Unit 1

Children's Development



## Unit 2

Development of Children's  
Communication, Literacy and  
Numeracy Skills



## Unit 4

Enquiries into Current  
Research in Early Years  
Practice



# Unit 1: Children's Development

(click on each link to access materials)



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## Sample assessment support

### [Sample Assessment Material](#)

(for learners to sit as mocks)

### [Sample Marked Learner Work](#)

(to see how mark schemes are applied)

## Past papers & reports

### Summer 2017

#### [Past paper](#)

#### [Mark Scheme](#)

#### [Lead Examiner Report](#)

### January 2018

#### [Past paper](#)

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## Have you tried our revision guides and workbooks?\*

As a school or college, you can get 50% off the recommended retail price by using the code BTECNAT18 when purchasing online, via these links: [Revision Guide](#) or [Revision Workbook](#)

## or a free sample from our student books

To support preparation for assessment, by clicking [here](#)

## What's coming up (April/May)

- Full-day 'Preparing for external assessment' training events, focusing on all external units for CPLD
- Additional Sample Marked Learner Work from January 2018 series.
- Rich Feedback report at both centre level and learner level
- Access to Scripts service, click [here](#)

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## Unit 2: Development of Children's Communication, Literacy and Numeracy Skills

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### Sample assessment support

#### [Sample Assessment Material](#)

(for learners to sit as mocks)

#### [Sample Marked Learner Work](#)

(to see how marking schemes are applied)

#### [Administrative Support Guide](#)

(guidance on how to run an assessment)

### Past tasks & reports

#### Summer 2017

##### [Task](#)

##### [Lead Examiner Report](#)

#### January 2018

##### [Task](#)

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# Unit 4: Enquiries into Current Research in Early Years Practice

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### Administrative Support Guide

(guidance on how to run an assessment)

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# Key dates for summer 2018

Children's Play, Learning and Development (2014)			
EXAMS			
Unit	Date	Time	Duration
20780E CPLD - Unit 1: Child Development	07/06/2018	AM	1h 45m

Children's Play, Learning and Development (2016)				
EXAMS				
Unit	Date	Time	Duration	
31597H CPLD - Unit 1: Children's Development	07/06/2018	AM	1h 45m	
SET TASKS				
Unit	Release Date	Window for Supervised period	Submission deadline	Length
31598H CPLD - Unit 2: Development of Children's Communication, Literacy and Numeracy Skills	Part A: 01/05/2018 Part B: 03/05/2018	03/05/2018 - AM	15/05/2018	Prep: 3 hours Supervised: 3 hours
31599H CPLD - Unit 4: Enquiries into Current Research in Early Years Practice	Part A: 19/03/2018 Part B: 14/05/2018	14/05/2018 - 16/05/2018	25/05/2018	Prep: 18 hours Supervised: 3 hours

You should check the official timetable in case of any changes.

The full summer 2018 timetable can be found [here](#)



# Key changes to be aware of...



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We would like to remind centres that the task-taking conditions for **Unit 2: Development of Children's Communication, Literacy, and Numeracy Skills** in the BTEC Level 3 Nationals in Children's Play, Learning and Development have changed for the **January 2018** assessment onwards. The key change is that Part B will be undertaken in a Pearson timetabled session.

It is expected that some of learners' preparatory work for Part A will be in scheduled lessons or timetabled sessions.

## **What does this mean for you?**

These minor changes will not affect any teaching or preparation done to date. We recommend that you check the exam timetable to see the dates for the assessments to be undertaken.

These changes apply with immediate effect and apply from the **January 2018** series onwards.



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## Specialist help and advice

You also have access to specialist support and advice.

We will be happy to help with any questions you may have about your BTEC Level 3 Children's Play, Learning and Development qualifications.

### Ask the expert

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