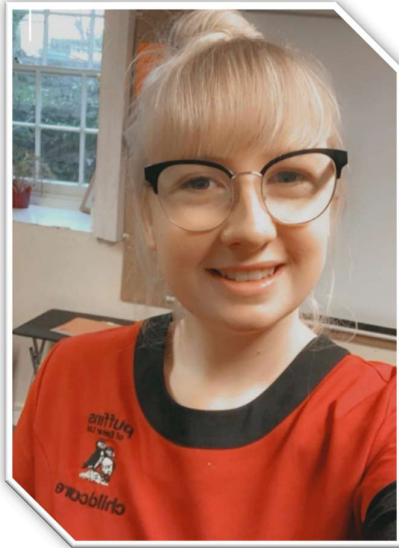


# APPRENTICESHIP CASE STUDY

What are the  
benefits of doing a  
Puffins  
Apprenticeship?



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I started my Apprenticeship with Puffins in July 2018 because I had always wanted to work with children and decided that university wasn't for me.

Doing this Apprenticeship was the best decision I have ever made and there are so many benefits to getting your qualification this way.

The main benefit of an Apprenticeship is that you learn on the job! With Puffins you spend 3/4 days in the nursery each week, working with the children and alongside qualified, friendly and supportive staff who will guide you along the way.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> day, which is your training day, you will attend 'day release'. Day release is great! It is run totally by Puffins Training and this means there is no travelling to college, sitting in huge, daunting classrooms with unfamiliar students and even less familiar tutors. Instead, you learn with Heather and Tracy, who are the amazing Puffins tutors. They support all Apprentices and will spend time making sure you know everything that you need to and support you to apply it into your work at the nursery.

The day release topics cover the knowledge you need to achieve your Apprenticeship. However, on top of this, Puffins offer a wide range of other really interesting courses and topics that help you to grow, progress and develop as a person as well as a practitioner (such as Brilliant Babies, First Aid and Money Management).

In my role as a now qualified Level 3 Early Years Educator, I can honestly say that I absolutely love going to work to see the children every day. Being in the nursery means that you get to watch those children's personalities grow and develop, and you get to guide them along the way to achieve things like their first words and first steps.

Being in this job you have the opportunity to make a huge impact on a child's life, which, I believe, is something really special.