



Expanding Early Learning and Childcare in Aberdeen

Parent and Carer Focus Groups

What do we mean by Early Learning and Childcare expansion?

- This is an exciting time for Early Learning and Childcare (ELC). The Scottish Government and local authorities have committed to increasing the funded (ELC) entitlement from 600 hours to 1140 hours by August 2020.
- This means more funded hours, more choice of where your child goes to nursery and more flexible models for ELC.
- The provision of universally accessible and high quality ELC will play a vital role in helping to close the poverty-related attainment gap.

POLICY DRIVERS

- Reduce Child Poverty
- Improve Educational attainment
- Family Support
- Employment/Training



The main aims of the expansion in ELC are to:

- Improve children's outcomes and help close the poverty-related attainment gap
- Increase family resilience through improved health and wellbeing of children and parents
- Support parents into work, study or training



- Every 3 and 4-year-old child is entitled to 1140 hours of funded ELC from August 2020.
- Some 2-year olds will also be eligible for the funded hours.
- 1140 hours will be available at registered ELC settings - local authority nurseries, funded providers (private nurseries and playgroups) and childminders working in partnership with Aberdeen City Council.
- Entitlement will be available from August 2020.
- Take up of full entitlement is optional – Parental choice
- All settings delivering 1140 hours are required to meet the National Standard (Good or above) to ensure a high quality ELC service is being delivered to the children of Aberdeen.

What will
this look
like?

**Funding Follows
the Child
will be introduced in August
2020.**

This approach is 'provider neutral' and is underpinned by the National Standard.

The Funding Follows the Child approach places choice into the hands of parents and carers:

*** Funded Provider setting, e.g. Private Nursery, Playgroup or Childminder**

*** Local Authority ELC setting**

***Blended Provision**





How will we deliver ELC for 2020?

Aberdeen City Council want to offer choice and flexibility to families so they can choose the options which best meet their needs. There are several ways we will deliver the 1140 hours. We will deliver a number of flexible models in each locality across the city to meet the needs of families, such as:

- Full day provision. For example: 9am-3pm term time or 8am-6pm (for 2.5 days) 46 weeks a year
- Half day provision – A morning or an afternoon
- Blended provision – a combination of local authority and funded provider / childminder provision

Early Learning and Childcare will be delivered by:

- Local authority ELC settings
- Funded Provider ELC settings (Private and Independent Nurseries and Playgroups)
- Childminders

The funded entitlement can be taken in full in a funded provider setting (private nursery), where longer hours are required and in a pattern to suit the needs of the family.



ELC Parents and Carers Survey Results

September-November 2019



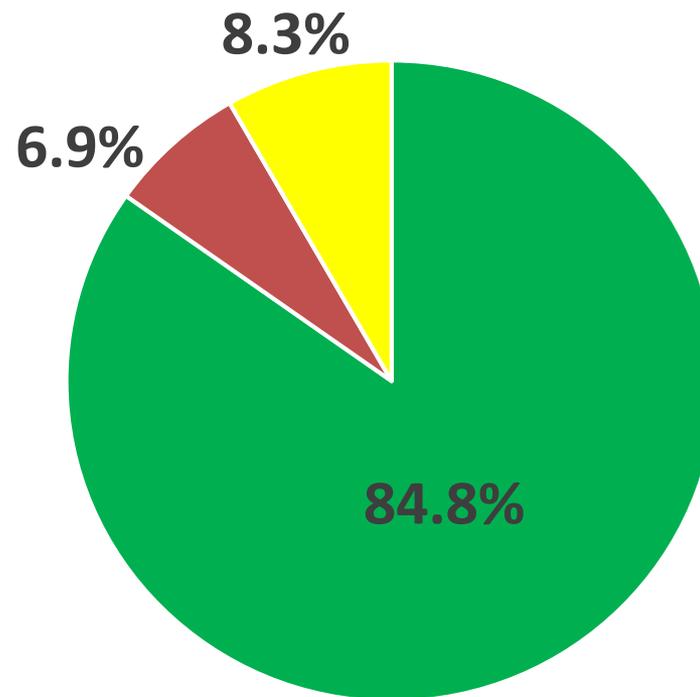


Key Messages

- High degree of interest in ELC Expansion
- Parents & Carers positive that ELC Expansion will benefit their families
- Uncertainty on how ELC 1140 will work
- Desire for ELC flexibility
- Parents/Carers want local and high quality ELC services



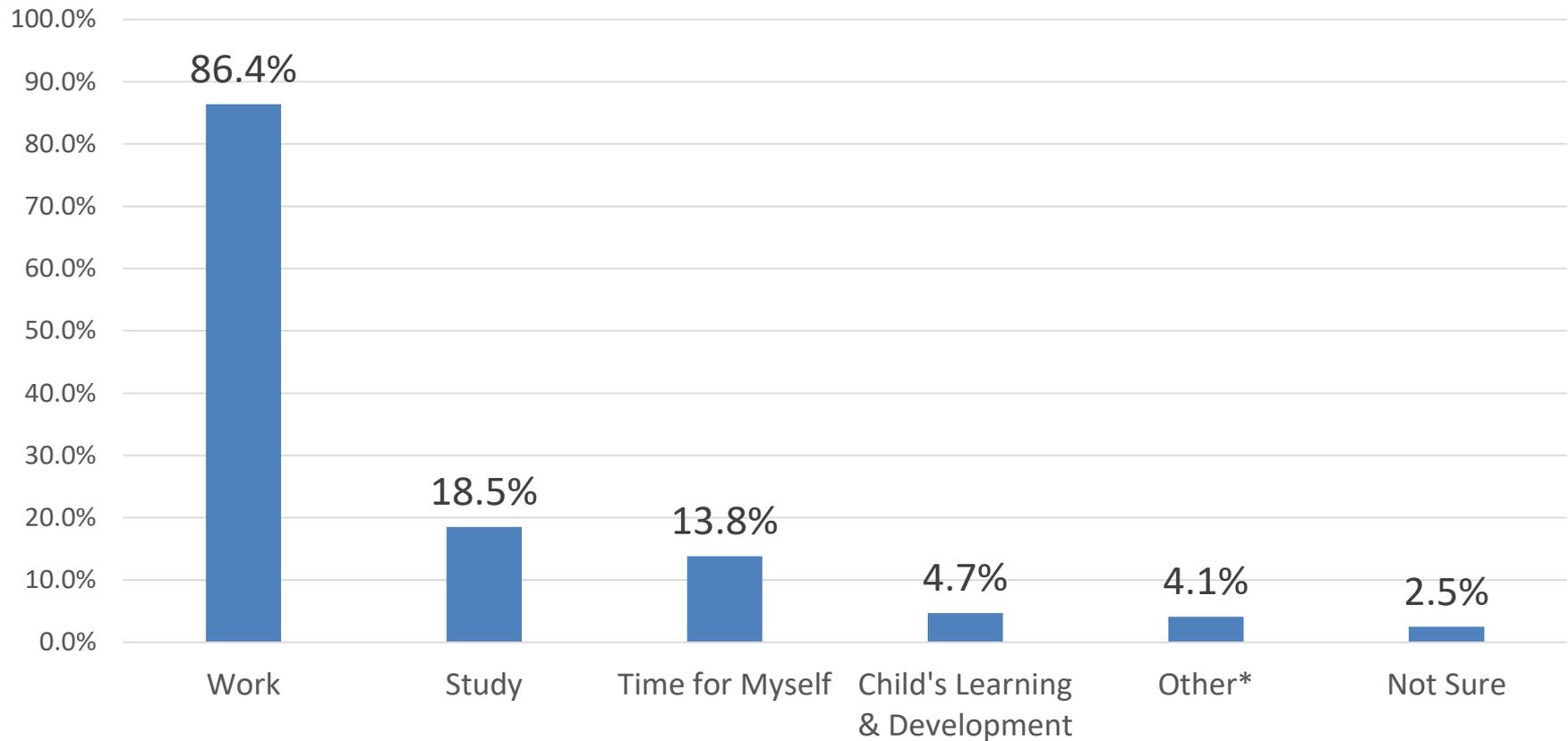
Would you use the increased 1140 hours?



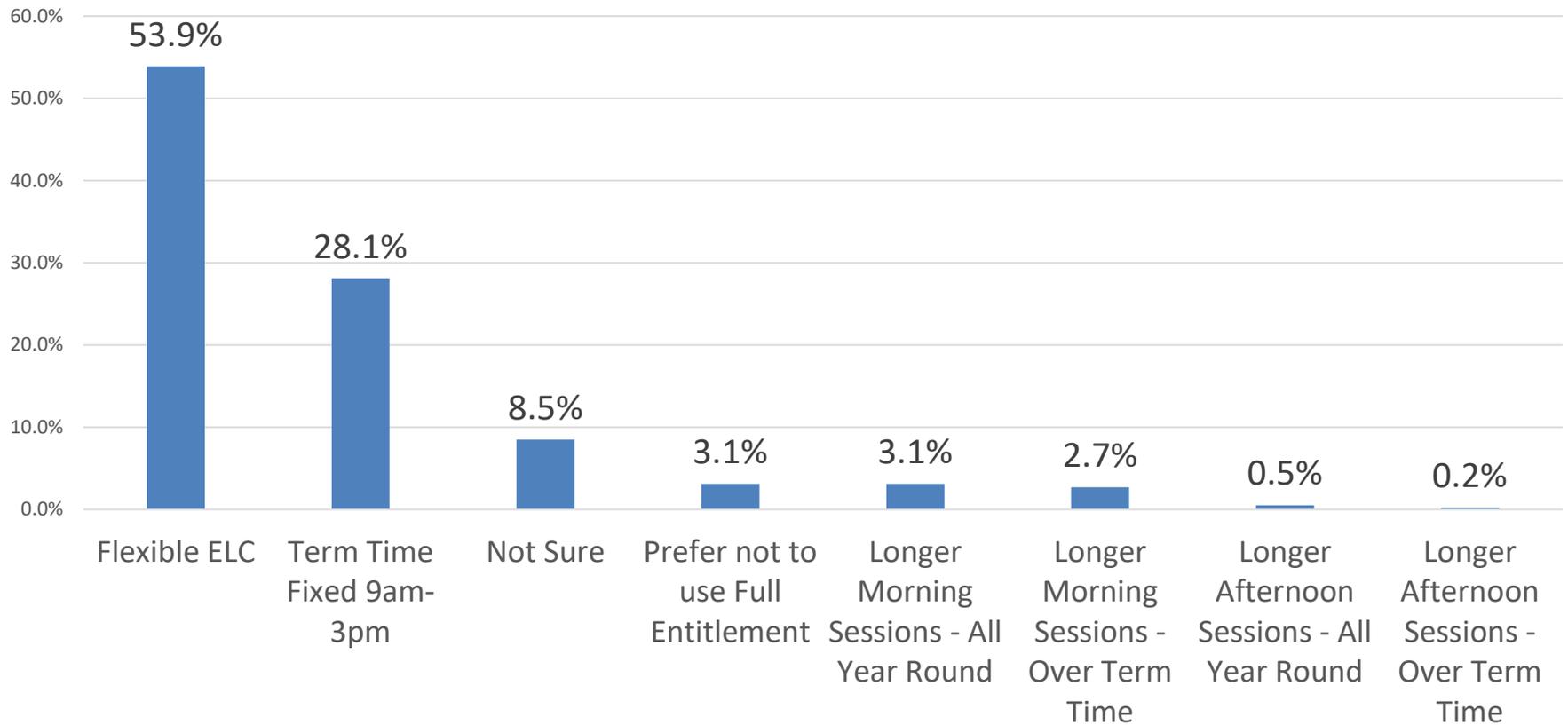
■ Yes ■ No ■ Not Sure



What would you use the additional ELC hours for? *Respondents could choose more than one option

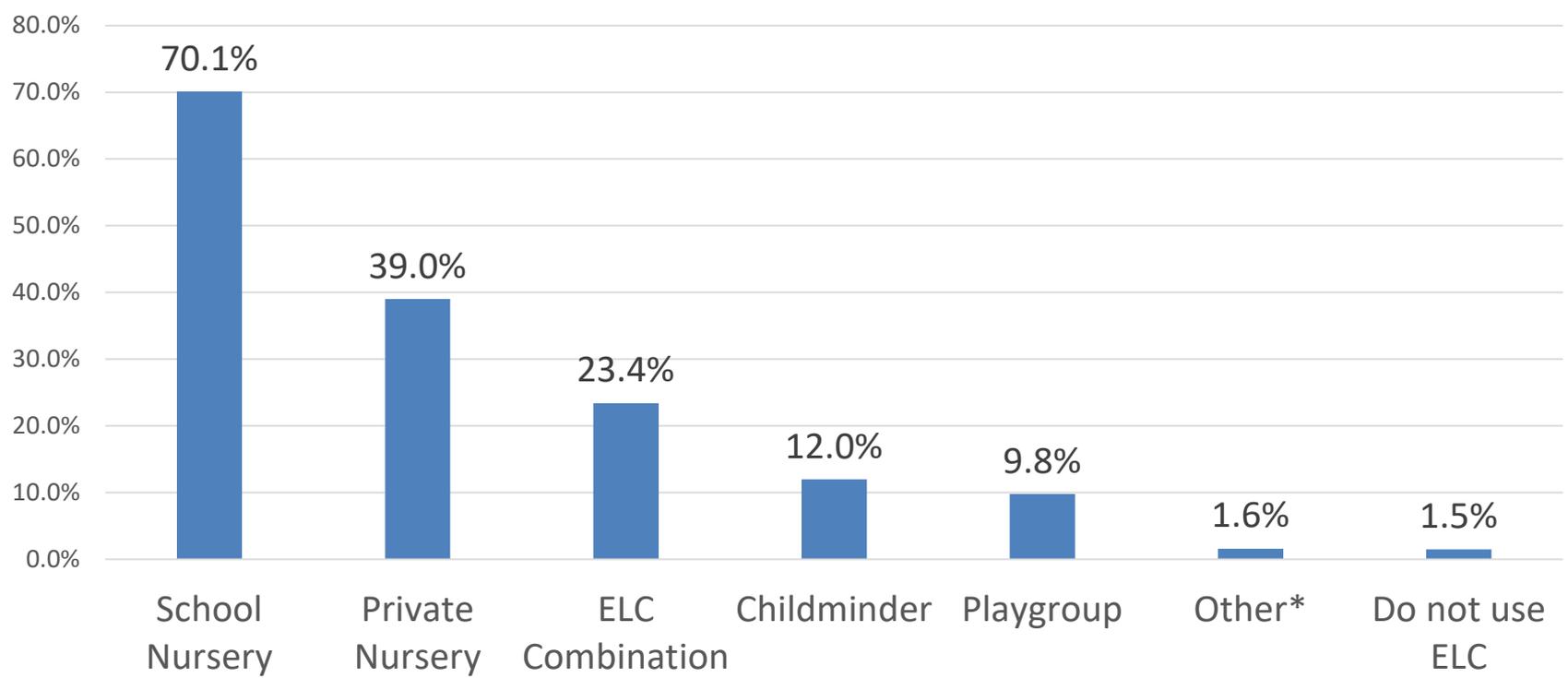


If you decided to use the increased funded 1140 hours, how would you most likely access the service?



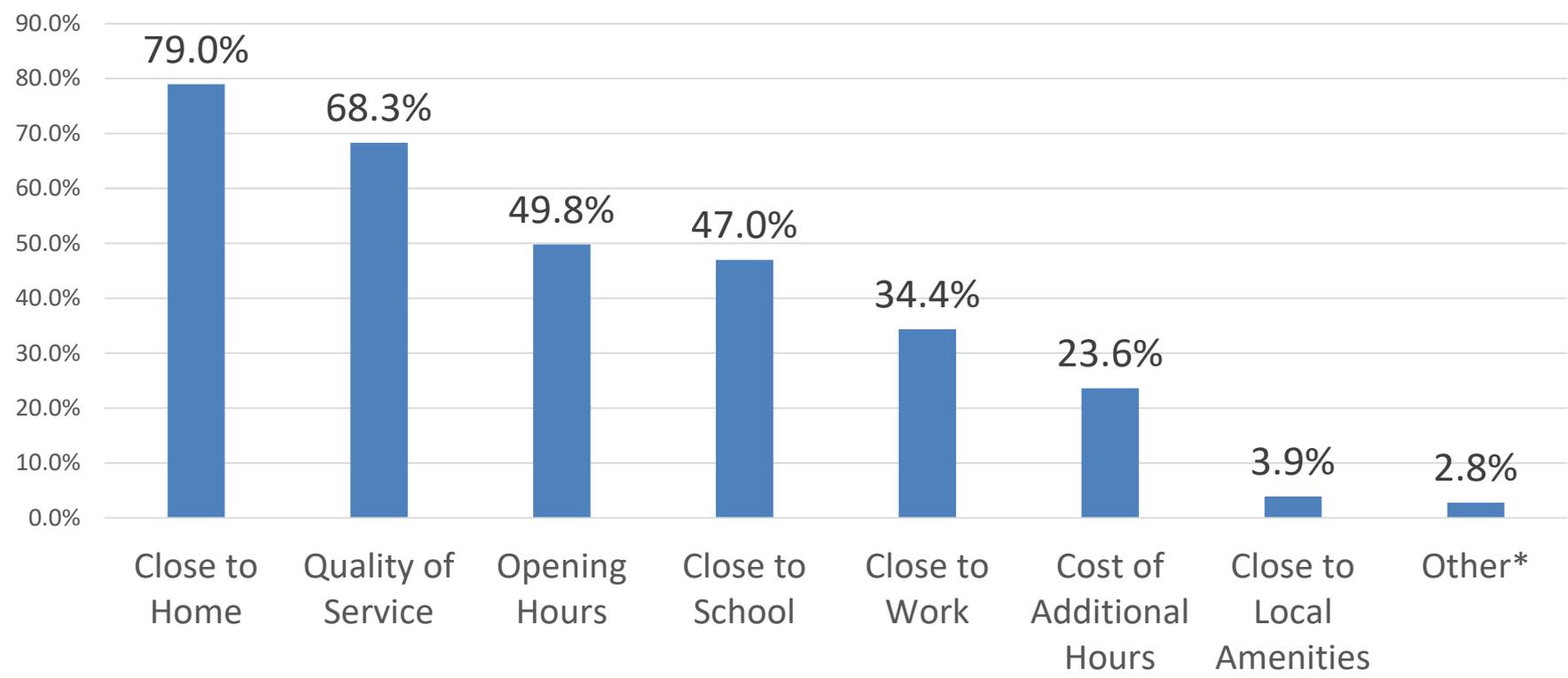


What type of ELC service would you like to use when accessing increased funded hours? *Respondents could choose more than one option



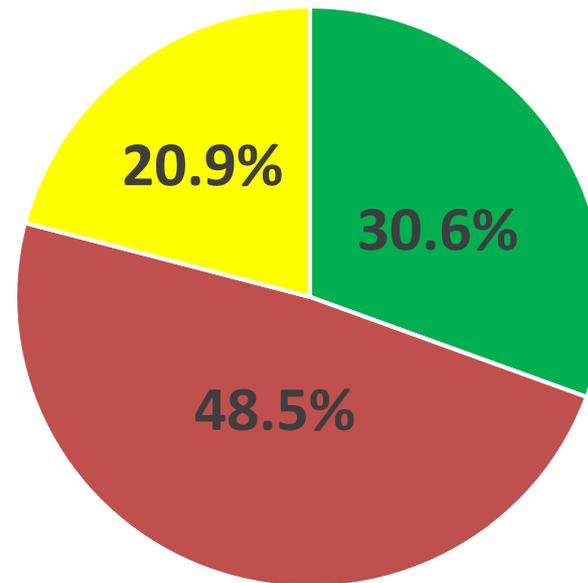


What factors are important to you when choosing which ELC services to access? *Respondents could choose more than one option





Would you be interested in using a childminder for some or all your funded 1140 hours?



■ Yes* ■ No ■ Not Sure

Getting 1140 Ready

- **26 Capital Projects**
- **Growing and Developing the Workforce**
- **Investment in technology**
- **Funding available to develop outdoor areas**
- **Listening and responding to you**



Options & Models

How will it work?

Year Round Local Authority ELC Settings only

46 week service model:

Session times:

Monday to Friday - long mornings –
8.00am to 12.57pm

Monday to Friday — long afternoons -
1.00pm to 5.57pm

Two and half days – two full days – 10
hours – 8am to 6pm + one half day –
8am to 12.46pm or 1pm to 5.46pm

Term Time Local Authority ELC Settings only

38 week service model:

Session times:

Monday to Friday - 9am to
3pm

(6 hours/day, 30 hours/week
x 38 weeks)

46 week service model:

Under the 46 week model the nursery will
be closed for 2 weeks at Christmas, 1 week
at Easter and 2 weeks in summer. The five
in-service days remain.

So what does this mean for your Associated School Group (ASG)?



ACC Admissions Policy

Admissions Open

27 January – 7 February 2020



Frequently Asked Questions

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What if I need additional hours – over and above the 1140 hours?

You may be able to pay for additional hours from our funded providers or childminders if you require wrap around childcare.

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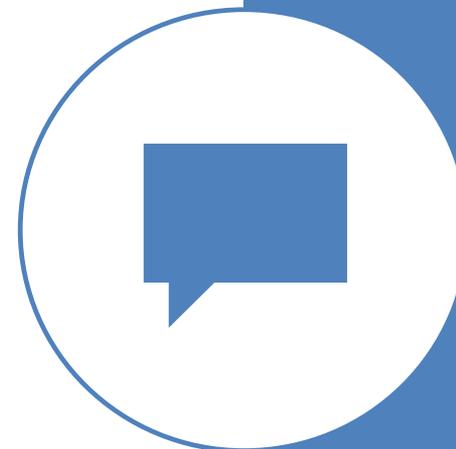
Can I split my entitlement between my childminder and the nursery?

Yes, you can adopt a blended model and use it across two settings, or three if using a childminder.

Q.

Will my child receive a meal if they are in nursery for longer hours?

For those children receiving the 1140 hours they are entitled to a funded meal if their session is longer than four hours. Settings will also provide snacks and parents may be asked to contribute to the cost of this.



Contact Details:

Family Information Service

The Family Information Service can provide details on all Early Learning and Childcare options available in the city.

Website: <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare/family-information-service>

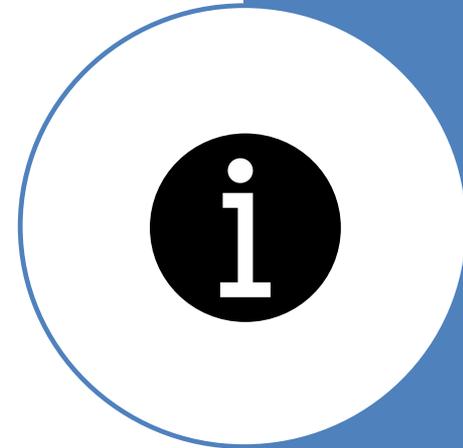
Email: fis@aberdeencity.gov.uk

General Enquiries

General enquires can be sent to:

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Website: <https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/services/education-and-childcare>



Would you be interested
in being involved in
evaluating Year 1 of ELC
Expansion?

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