

Aberdeen City Council

Early Learning and Childcare Consultation with Parents and Carers 2023

Aberdeen City Council is committed to offering high quality Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) to all three to five year old children and eligible two-year olds. ELC is about learning and development through play, exploring and most importantly – having fun! ELC can make a significant positive contribution to a child's development. We believe that all children deserve the best start to life so they can grow into healthy, happy and confident adults who in turn achieve great things.

From August 2021, all three and four-year-old children and eligible 2-year olds, have been entitled to 1140 funded hours of ELC per year. This has almost doubled from the previous entitlement of up to 600 hours of ELC per year. Families can access up to 1140 funded hours of ELC at a local authority ELC / nursery setting and from private nurseries, playgroups and childminders working in partnership with Aberdeen City Council to deliver high quality ELC.

The purpose of this consultation is to seek the views of parents and carers in order to:

- Review uptake and models of delivery across the city;
- Contribute to a review of the impact of the implementation of the expansion of Early Learning and Childcare to date
- Inform the development of our Early Learning and Childcare Delivery Plan which is published every two years and sets out the strategic direction for the delivery of Early Learning and Childcare in the city, responding to local need and reflecting the diversity of communities in Aberdeen; and
- Meet our statutory consultation duties under the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

The consultation will be open from **Monday 5 June to Sunday 25 June 2023** inclusive. The survey will take approx. 10 minutes to complete and can be accessed by clicking on the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ngj1SnJRmUVS-so92tOweZjAhOPG-Me6A8-sUMT15hQ/edit>

Kind regards,

Early Years Team