

Dear Parents and Carers,

Aberdeen City Council –Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare in Aberdeen – Focus Group Events for Parents and Carers

Following our recent survey on the Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) in Aberdeen, and in advance of the implementation of 1140 hours of funded ELC from August 2020, Aberdeen City Council Early Years Team have now organised a series of Focus Group Events for Parents and Carers.

Focus Groups will be held in Associated School Groups (ASGs) as follows:

Date	ASG	Venue for Focus Group
• Monday 20 January	Aberdeen Grammar ASG	Mile End Community Centre - Rooms 3 and 4
• Tuesday 21 January	Hazlehead ASG	Hazlehead Primary School - After School Club Room
• Wednesday 22 January	Bucksburn and Dyce ASGs and Orchard Brae School	Bucksburn Academy - Assembly Hall
• Monday 27 January	Northfield ASG	Manor Park School - Community Room
• Tuesday 28 January	Bridge of Don and Oldmachar ASGs	Bridge of Don Academy - Assembly Hall
• Wednesday 29 January	St Machar ASG	St Machar Academy - Assembly Hall
• Monday 3 February	Lochside ASG	Kirkhill Primary School - Main Hall
• Tuesday 4 February	Harlaw ASG	Kaimhill Primary School - Dining Hall
• Wednesday 5 February	Cults ASG	Cults Primary School - Dining Hall

Each Focus Group Event will start at **6.30pm and end at 8.00pm** and will include:

- Welcome / Overview of Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Expansion in Aberdeen / Survey Results
- Update on ELC Admissions (which will open from 27 January to 7 February)

- Outline of options and models of Early Learning and Childcare in each Associated School Group (ASG)
- What 1140 hours of Early Learning and Childcare may look like for you?
- Q&A - An opportunity to ask the Early Years Team questions, for example on funded entitlement, meals, opening and closing times etc.

Early Learning and Childcare Locality Lead Officers from each Associated School Group (ASG) will be present at their respective Focus Group Events. If you are unable to attend your local Focus Group Event you are more than welcome to attend another one.

For details of which Local Authority and Funded Provider Early Learning and Childcare settings and childminders are in each ASG, please see attached. An ELC Parent Leaflet is also attached for your information.

We hope you will be able to join us for one of our Focus Group Events.