

Expansion of Early Learning and Childcare from 600 hours to 1140 hours

Dundee City Council remains committed to delivering the Early Learning and Childcare (nursery) expansion in all Local Authority Nurseries and Partner Providers. Whilst it is no longer our duty to provide 1140 hours by August 2020, we have worked hard to be in a position to do so as soon as possible so that all eligible children can benefit from high quality Early Learning and Childcare.

In the meantime, we are progressing with our preparations to implement the current ELC recovery guidance to support the reopening of wider ELC services. This guidance along with guidance for Childminders and Out of School Care, prioritises the safety and wellbeing of children, families and staff and will be revised by the Scottish Government when updated scientific advice is available.

Childminders

Childminders were able to reopen from Wednesday 3 June 2020 if they wished to do so. For further information on childminders offering services in Dundee, please contact our local Childcare and Family Information Service, e-mail cis@dundeecity.gov.uk

Or visit www.families.scot website Childminders: <https://bit.ly/2O8ahcT>

Childcare – private and third sector providers

An indicative date of 15 July has been announced for the reopening of childcare services, subject to the Scottish Government criteria for moving into phase 3. The reopening of many childcare providers will increase childcare options for those who need it. Families wishing to access these services should contact their preferred provider directly. Please note, some providers may remain closed at this time.

Please note that as of 15th July when all ELC settings can re-open, we will no longer be accepting new online applications for critical childcare in ELC.

For further information on childcare services in Dundee, please contact our local Childcare and Family Information Service, e-mail cis@dundeecity.gov.uk or visit the Dundee area of www.families.scot - <https://bit.ly/2O7EmcF>

Out of School Care Services

Out of school care services can also reopen from Wednesday 15 July 2020 if they wish to do so and Scotland has entered Phase 3 of the routemap. Families wishing to access these services should contact their preferred provider directly. Please note, some providers may choose to remain closed at this time.

For further information on Out of School Care services in Dundee, please contact our local Childcare and Family Information Service, e-mail cis@dundeecity.gov.uk or visit www.families.scot website Out of School Care: <https://bit.ly/31VVw5b>

Local Authority Nurseries

In accordance with the ELC recovery guidance, all eligible children who have applied for a funded ELC place in a Local Authority nursery place have been offered an initial placement from 12th August 2020 onwards. Families will receive this offer directly from their child's nursery. Should you have any questions, please contact earlyyears@dundeecity.gov.uk

Please be assured that as soon as national guidance changes, children will be offered up to 1140 hours in a Local Authority nursery.

Private and third sector providers working in partnership with the Council

ELC providers working in partnership with the Local Authority to deliver funded hours are also implementing the government advice for re-opening of childcare services.

From 11th August, funded places may be available at the following providers

List of ELC providers working in partnership with DCC - <https://bit.ly/3fp4gV6>

Please contact your preferred provider for more details of the placements available as this will vary across all providers. Families who have already applied, will hear directly from their child's nursery. As with Local Authority Nurseries, as soon as providers assess that it is safe to do so, children will be offered up to 1140 hours.