

Children & Young People's Services

Please ask for:

*Early Years Team
Family consultation*

Our Ref:

Your Ref:

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Date:

31 July 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) Expansion of Hours Family Consultation 2017

The Scottish Government is planning to expand Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) services to almost double the number of funded hours currently available from 600 hours per year to 1140 hours per year. These extra hours will be available for all 3 and 4 year old children and for some (eligible) 2 year old children, and will be in place by August 2020. It is planned that families will also have choice and flexibility in how they use services – including whether they use all of their child's funded hours and whether they use them during school term-time or spread them throughout the year.

In Scottish Borders we are keen to improve services as they change and expand, to make them work better for you and your family. To do this we need your help so that we can plan for the future. Please help us by taking some time to complete this survey.

In addition to this survey we would like to invite you to attend one of our locality consultation meetings in August (see table below). This is an opportunity to hear more about the 1140 hours Expansion and actively participate in the future planning and development.

| Date | Time | Venue | Locality |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Tuesday 15/8/17 | 2.00 – 3.30 pm or 6.00 – 7.30pm | Victoria Hall, Selkirk | Eildon |
| Wednesday 16/8/17 | 2.00 – 3.30 pm or 6.00 – 7.30pm | Kelso High School | Cheviot |
| Thursday 17/8/17 | 2.00 – 3.30 pm or 6.00 – 7.30pm | Volunteer Hall, Galashiels | Eildon |
| Thursday 17/8/17 | 2.00 – 3.30 pm or 6.00 – 7.30pm | Jedburgh Grammar | Cheviot |
| Monday 21/8/17 | 2.00 – 3.30 pm or 6.00 – 7.30pm | Berwickshire High School | Berwickshire |
| Tuesday 22/8/17 | 2.00 – 3.30 pm or 6.00 – 7.30pm | Peebles High School | Tweeddale |
| Wednesday 23/8/17 | 2.00 – 3.30 pm or 6.00 – 7.30pm | Hawick High School | Teviot & Liddesdale |
| Thursday 24/8/17 | 2.00 – 3.30 pm or 6.00 – 7.30pm | Earlston High School | Eildon |
| Thursday 24/8/17 | 2.00 – 3.30 pm or 6.00 – 7.30pm | Eyemouth High School | Berwickshire |

Yours sincerely



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