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Dear Parent/Carer

Consultation on Introduction of 1140 hours of Early Learning and Child Care

As you may be aware, the Scottish Government is committed to increasing the Early Learning and Childcare core entitlement from 600 to 1140 hours per year by 2020. The overall objectives will be to:

- Maintain high quality early learning and childcare provision; and
- Provide more flexibility for parents who wish to work, train or study.

Falkirk Council Children's Services are currently considering how best to plan for the increase in provision across all our early years establishments for eligible two year olds and for all three and four year olds. To help us in our planning for this major change we would like to find out what the likely uptake of this increased provision would be and what we should consider in trying to provide this in a flexible manner across the Falkirk area.

By completing the questionnaire you will help us to shape and plan the future Council provision of 1140 hours of Early Learning and Childcare.

Please go to the following link say.falkirk.gov.uk/childrens-services/1140-hours to take part in the consultative questionnaire. The consultation period will close on 10th February 2017.

Many thanks for taking the time to complete this survey.

Yours sincerely

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