

Early Years

Enriching our children's early learning experiences through high quality and nurturing family centred approaches.



Quality, Flexibility, Accessibility, Affordability

"1140 hours is great. It allows me the chance to condense my hours and get back to work without a massive extra cost to me and my family."

"My son loves attending nursery and enjoys the lunches. The lunchtime routine seems to work well for him, he enjoys serving himself. I have condensed my son's hours to two and a half days a week and this is fantastic as it fits in well with my working hours and I don't have to seek additional childcare to cover any mornings/afternoons."

"Enables me and husband to work full time. Provides child with learning socialisation and stimulation. Hugely reduces costs in childcare so reducing stress and pressure"

[Parents at Auchinairn ELC Centre, survey on the impact of 1140 hours on family life: 18/1/19]



Delivering the expansion to provide 1140 hours of funded early learning and childcare across East Dunbartonshire by August 2020 for all 3 and 4 year olds, and eligible 2 year olds.

The journey to 1140 hours continues in East Dunbartonshire, with a focus on ensuring high quality, flexible early learning and childcare that is accessible and affordable for all families.

The Scottish Government published a National Standard in December 2018 and will support all settings to offer the funded entitlement through delivering the highest quality early learning and childcare regardless of whether they are in the public, private or third sectors, or childminders. This is termed as a 'provider neutral approach', and this will empower and enable parents to choose the right provider for their child, facilitated by the 'Funding Follows the Child' approach, due to begin in August 2020 in line with the statutory rollout of the expanded 1140hours entitlement. See: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/early-learning-childcare-service-model-2020-consultation-paper/pages/6/>.

Funded Providers

Private and third sector funded providers and Childminders will be crucial in meeting parental demand. At present, funded providers are preparing to make changes to their business models and delivery plans. The central Early Years Team continue to engage with funded providers and facilitate forums for sharing information, ensuring views from all unique providers are shaping the journey to delivery in East Dunbartonshire. Parents and carers should speak to funded providers directly to obtain specific information regarding their plans and potential delivery models.

Local Authority ELC Centre provision:

Phase 1 – complete

Auchinairn, Hillhead, Lennoxton, Twechar

1140 hours continues to be successful in the phase 1 centres.



Focus on... Lunches

Auchinairn ELC Centre have been piloting a free lunch for all children, with a focus on ensuring a nurturing and nutritional experience. The learning from this pilot will assist in planning for scale delivery, and feedback from the children and parents has been extremely positive so far.

Phase 2 - ongoing

Baljaffray, Castlehill, Cleddens, Clober, Colquhoun Park, Gartconner, Holy Family, Lenzie Meadow, Meadowburn, Milngavie and Childminding Blended Model

Phase 2 of delivery is progressing very well, including:

- Extensive engagement with the ELC workforce has resulted in staff securing improved contracts, opportunities for leadership and promoted posts. Innovative staffing structures and investment in our current staff has reduced the overall level of new staff that will be required to deliver 1140. Further drop-in sessions will take place for all staff on **Wednesday 13th February at 10am and 2pm at Cleddens Early Learning and Childcare Centre.**
- Meadowburn and Holy Family ELC Centres moved to new staffing structures in January 2019, with the remaining eight centres in Phase 2 due to introduce the new staffing model from April 2019. This will provide opportunities for parents and carers to purchase additional hours during term time and sessions during school holiday periods, between April 2019 and August 2020.
- Two Childminders are delivering a pilot 'blended model' delivery of 1140 hours, linked to Hillhead ELC Centre. This exciting development will continue to give the Early Years Team insight into delivery for August 2020.

Phase 3 – 2019/20

Craighead, Torrance, Killermont, New builds: Bearsden, Milngavie, Kirkintilloch

- Engagement to shape provision in the communities in Torrance and Craighead is ongoing. A survey to collate views is open now, with a closing date of 17th February 2019.
<https://www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk/council/consultations/early-years-consultation-torrance-and-milton-campsie>. Killermont’s new staffing model will commence early 2020.
- Exciting plans are coming together for the new build Early Learning and Childcare centres planned for Bearsden, Milngavie and Kirkintilloch. Drop-in information sessions took place in January across the authority to provide information for communities.

Phase Overview:

Phase	Centre Name	When is the 1140 staffing model in place?	When will children receive 1140hrs?	Can parents/ carers receive additional supported hours?	Can parents/ carers purchase additional sessions in the lead up to 1140 hours?
1	Auchinairn, Hillhead, Lennoxton, *Twechar	2017/18	2017/18 *2018/19	Yes.	Additional sessions above 1140hrs can still be purchased
2	Holy Family Meadowburn	Jan 2019	Aug 2020	Either through a Request for Assistance (reviewed by multi-agency panel) or if they meet eligibility criteria (see EDC website – Early Years section for criteria.)	Yes, both additional hours during term time, and sessions during school holidays in 2019 and 2020.
2	Baljaffray, Castlehill, Cleddens, Clober, Colquhoun Park, Gartconner, Lenzie Meadow, Milngavie	April 2019	Aug 2020		
3	Craighead, Torrance, Killermont	2020**	Aug 2020		** awaiting outcome of consultation
3	New builds: Bearsden, Milngavie and Kirkintilloch	Spring/ Summer 2020	Aug 2020		Additional sessions above 1140hrs will be available for purchased

Any questions or comments on this newsletter and the implementation of 1140 hours in East Dunbartonshire can be emailed to: ELC1140@eastdunbarton.gov.uk