

**4:** Early learning and childcare can be delivered in a number of ways. Please read through the five options below and select the one which is most appropriate to meet your needs:

- **Option 1:** 6 hours a day, term time only (8.40am – 2.40pm)
- **Option 2:** 6 hours a day, term time only (9am – 3pm)
- **Option 3:** 3 full days term time only (8am – 6pm, only available from limited centres/providers)
- **Option 4:** 4.5 hours a day, all year round (51 weeks e.g. 8.30am - 1pm, only available from limited centres/providers)
- **Option 5:** Personalised Model – A mix of early years centre, child minder, out of school care (providers must be existing registered providers for day care of children)

Please provide details as to what this personalised model might look like for your family:

Additional Comments:

Thank you for participating in this survey.  
Please return to:

South Ayrshire Council  
Educational Services  
County Buildings  
Wellington Square  
Ayr  
KA7 1DR

## *Early Learning and Childcare Consultation*



Consultation:  
12<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2017  
Online Survey available:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PMD77KL>

## Consultation Information

Dear Parent/ Carer

South Ayrshire Council is committed to providing high quality early learning and childcare.

This experience builds on the valuable learning that takes place in and around the home and begins to develop the important skills for lifelong learning which young children will rely on later in life.

As you may know, the Scottish Government has pledged to raise the early learning and childcare entitlement from the current 600 hours to 1140 hours a year by 2020.

The overall objectives are to:

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

Early learning and childcare will only be made available from a registered provider that meets the new Quality Standards. This may be provided either through a local authority early years centre, private nursery, playgroup, and / or child minder.

To help us to plan for this major change for eligible two year olds, and for all three and four year olds, we would like to gather your views to identify flexible ways of providing early learning and childcare across South Ayrshire. We anticipate that provision and times may vary across centres and local communities.

Your experience of this important area is invaluable and by completing the survey (overleaf) you will help us to begin to plan the expansion of early learning and childcare.

## Survey Questions

1: I live in the \_\_\_\_\_ postcode

2: Please indicate in which area you would like your child to attend early learning and childcare. Please choose one area only.

- Troon (Includes Troon, Barassie and Muirhead )
- Dundonald (Includes Symington and Dundonald)
- Prestwick (Includes Prestwick and Monkton)
- Tarbolton (Includes Tarbolton and Annbank)
- Ayr North (Includes Dalmilling, Wallacetown and Craigie)
- Ayr South (Includes Ayr town centre, Alloway, Doonfoot, Forehill and Kincaidston)
- Coylton
- Maybole
- Carrick (Includes Crosshill, Kirkmichael, Fisherton, Maidens and Straiton)
- Girvan
- South Carrick (Includes Barr, Barrhill, Colmonell, Ballantrae and Dailly)

3: 1140 hours per year is equivalent to **30 hours each week during term time**, or **22.5 hours each week across the full calendar year**.

I would be interested in having early learning and childcare during (Please choose one only):

- Term time
- Full Year