

Education, Children and Families Committee

10am, Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Early Years Update

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 The Education, Children and Families Committee is asked to:
 - 1.1.1 Note the achievement of the council in meeting the requirement to provide all eligible children with their full funded entitlement of 1,140 hours should their parents/carers choose to use this.
 - 1.1.2 Agree the recommendation to explore the cost of an increased hourly rate paid to partner providers for the provision of funded places for eligible two year olds.
 - 1.1.3 Note the early years support for Primary 1 settings to provide play based learning.
 - 1.1.4 Note the intention to return to committee in May 2022 with the findings of the session 2021-22 parent survey.
 - 1.1.5 Note the intention to return to Committee in March 2022 advising on the progress of tender processes for new nurseries and identifying any capital funding shortfalls and the measures to be put in place to address these.

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Early Years Update

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The duty on local authorities to secure 1140 hours funded ELC for all eligible children has been in effect since 1st August 2021 and Edinburgh is now fully delivering this statutory requirement.
- 2.2 However, delay's to the capital programme and significant cost increases in the construction sector present a risk to the Council's ability to provide sufficient places to offer flexibility in how those 1140 hours are accessed.
- 2.3 Consultation with parents and carers regarding the delivery of funded early learning and childcare and key aspects of the early years' service was carried out in November 2021.
- 2.4 Increasing the hourly rate paid to partner providers for eligible two year old places may increase uptake and support the ability of parents/carers to work, train or study.

3. Background

- 3.1 'A Blueprint for 2020: The Expansion of Early learning and childcare in Scotland – Early Learning and Childcare Expansion Planning Guidance for Local Authorities' issued in March 2017 by the Scottish Government set out local authorities' responsibility for the implementation and delivery of an expanded entitlement of 1140 hours of free Early Learning and Childcare in their area. The vision for expansion is underpinned by the principles of Quality, Flexibility, Accessibility and Affordability.
- 3.2 Unfortunately, the impact of COVID 19 delayed implementation of the expansion by the Scottish Government and the delivery of 1140 hours became an entitlement from August 2021.
- 3.3 The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification) (No. 1) Order 2019 and the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 (Modification) (No. 2) Order 2019 increases the responsibility of the Local Authority to provide 1,140

hours of Early learning and childcare for all four year olds, three year olds in the term following their third birthday and two year olds who meet particular criteria

4. Main report

Delivering the funded entitlement to 1140 hours.

- 4.1 Delivering the entitlement to 1,140 hours of early learning and childcare to all eligible children became a statutory duty for local authorities in Scotland from August 2021.
- 4.2 All parents/carers wishing to take up their full entitlement to the funded hours have access to a place for their child and approximately 7919 children have a funded place (429 two year olds and 7490 three and four year olds).
- 4.3 Places are available through the following provision:
 - 4.3.1 99 local authority settings
 - 4.3.2 8 local authority forest kindergartens
 - 4.3.3 105 partner providers
 - 4.4.4 43 childminders

Models of delivery

- 4.4 Parents can now access their funded hours through a variety of delivery models term time or full year. The table below provides details of the availability of term time and full year settings.

Type of provision	Term time settings	Full year settings
Local authority	71	28
Forest Kindergarten	8	
Partner Provider	15	90

Workforce

- 4.5 Our initial plan for the expansion of the early years' service estimated 1496 FTE staff would be required in local authority early years settings for session 2021-22. At the time of writing this report approximately 980 FTE staff are in post. Whilst this is short of our original estimate, we do not have a shortage of staff and all settings are able to meet the required adult to child ratios.
- 4.6 Our learning from phasing in the increased hours from August 2017 revealed the need for fewer local authority settings to provide full year provision and this enabled us to adjust our staffing models. Recruitment for our new builds settings is continuing and we expect to have approximately 1200 FTE staff for session 2022-23.

Capital

New Nurseries at Craigentenny, Granton, Nether Currie, St John Vianney RC and St Mark's RC Primary Schools.

- 4.7 The delivery of five new nursery buildings at Craigentenny, Granton, Nether Currie, St John Vianney RC and St Mark's RC Primary Schools has been further delayed. The most recent completion estimates from the contractor are now mainly in late March 2022 with the latest being Craigentenny in early April 2022. These latest delays are a disappointing setback for these projects which were already significantly delayed and over budget following the collapse of the original contractor during the first Covid lockdown and the subsequent appointment of a new contractor.
- 4.8 As is the case in most capital projects, market conditions have played a significant part in these new delays. However, this has been further compounded by the difficulties associated with a new contractor inheriting the work left incomplete by a now defunct contractor including faults and quality issues the previous contractor left unresolved.
- 4.9 Analysis of the number of Early Learning and Childcare places available in the areas around these new nurseries shows that the Council will be able to offer every entitled child 1,140 hours. However, there will be little or no choice in what that offering will be which is contrary to the principles of the 1,140 programme and the Council's commitment to providing flexibility in childcare provision.
- 4.10 The greatest concern now is the reliability of the completion dates the contractor has provided. The third and final intake of new children into nursery takes place after the Easter holidays (25 April 2022). Any further delay may mean that the only places available to the children these new nurseries should serve are in other areas of the city. Accordingly, contingency plans are being developed which include considering the installation of temporary accommodation where it is possible to do so. It is hoped that this contingency is not required, however, the volatility within the construction sector means that, with the best of intentions, no delivery date can be guaranteed.

New Nursery in Pennywell

- 4.11 There is significant demand now and projected in the future for Early Learning and Childcare places in the Muirhouse and Pilton areas of the city. A new Early Learning and Childcare Centre (ELCC) is planned as part of the development of a community hub incorporating library, skills centre, housing and North Edinburgh Arts (NEA) at the head of the new MacMillan Square. The new ELCC will be the largest in Edinburgh with capacity for 185 children from 0-5 years old and will be an innovative design featuring a large rooftop play area and benefit from a shared entrance, cafe and joint working with both the new library and NEA.
- 4.12 The new hub on MacMillan Square will be an example of how the Council's 20 minute city approach can be realised through the creation of a multi-service, partnership led, intergenerational arts and learning space under a single roof.

- 4.13 Planning approval for the new hub is in place and a report to the Finance and Resources Committee on Thursday 9 December 2022 will seek approval to award the contract for the construction of the new hub to Robertson Construction through the SCAPE framework. The value of this contract is £15.9m of which £6.2m is attributable to the new Early Learning and Childcare Centre. This will be funded through the Early Years 1140 grant.
- 4.14 The report to the Finance and Resources Committee also sets out the risks associated with the funding strategy for the rest of the scheme which have the potential to delay the delivery of the hub and consequently the ELCC. Any delay would have an impact on the ability of people in this area to access early learning and childcare places that meet their needs presenting potential barriers to employment and/or skills development.
- 4.15 These risks arise as North Edinburgh Arts contribution to the project is reliant on as yet unsecured external capital grant funding including, most significantly, the RCGF (Regeneration Capital Grant Funding). A contingency plan agreed with NEA in the event that the RCGF application is unsuccessful is to dramatically scale back the scope of works attributable to NEA's building and deliver these as further works as funding becomes available at a later date.

Rising Costs

- 4.16 Delays in the delivery of capital projects are coupled with rising costs caused by shortages in raw materials, supplies and people. The cost for delivery of materials to site, ground works and mechanical installations have all seen significant increases in recent months.
- 4.17 The impact of these cost increases on the Early Years infrastructure programme is already evident in the cost plans being returned by our cost advisors on individual projects. While the estimated cost of the priority programme currently remains within the available capital funding secured as part of the EY1140 grant from the Scottish Government, it is reliant on utilising contingency set aside within the overall budget. This means that any further cost increases are likely to result in a shortfall in funding. With projects at Ratho, Carrick Knowe, Gilmerton and Kirkliston to be put out to tender in January 2022 a more accurate measure of the appetite in the market for these projects and the accuracy of cost plans produced during this turbulent period will become available ahead of the next Education, Children and Families Committee in March 2022. Accordingly, an update will be provided to that Committee in March 2022 identifying any funding shortfalls and the measures to be put in place to address these.

Consultation with parents

- 4.18 Section 50 (1) of the 2014 Act outlines the requirement for local authorities to consult with parents and carers regarding early learning and childcare.
- 4.19 Recent consultation with parents/carers through a survey, which closed on 2 November 2021 covered the following themes

- 4.19.1 Delivery of 1140 hours
 - 4.19.2 The application process for a funded place
 - 4.19.3 The admissions criteria for allocating places
 - 4.19.4 Parent/carer satisfaction with the quality of provision
 - 4.19.5 Support for children with additional support needs
 - 4.19.6 Parental engagement and involvement.
 - 4.19.7 Deferring entry to primary 1
- 4.20 786 parents/carers responded to the survey and a summary of the findings is available in appendix 1. The findings of the survey will help inform how we develop the provision of early years services in Edinburgh to take account of and reflect on local needs of children and their families.
- 4.21 An update on the findings of the survey will be brought to committee in May 2022.

Eligible two year olds

- 4.22 Funded early learning and childcare has been available for eligible two year olds since August 2014 and the criteria for qualifying for a place is detailed in Appendix 2. The Scottish Government estimates approximately 21% of two year old children in Edinburgh meet the criteria for a funded place. In Edinburgh, this equates to approximately 950 children, however uptake across the city has been considerably lower than this and although numbers have increased almost year on year since 2014, when fewer than 300 places were taken up , a significant number of families are not accessing their entitlement.
- 4.23 Session 2019-20 recorded the highest number of children accessing their funded entitlement in Edinburgh with 660 eligible two year olds. Uptake during session 2020-21 dropped to 506 and so far this session 429 children are using their entitlement. This should increase by the end of session 2021-22 but would still be lower than the estimated number of eligible children in the city.
- 4.24 Reasons for the low uptake in places vary and not all parents choose to use their funded entitlement until their child is three years old. Access to funded places was initially delivered through local authority in either stand-alone early years centres or purpose-built provision allocated to eligible two year olds. Local promotion of these places has been successful and uptake is generally high. However, we do recognise that some parents choose not to access their entitlement to a funded place for their two year old due to a perceived stigma.
- 4.25 Currently, not all areas of the city have local authority provision for eligible two years olds and the models of delivery within existing local authority settings are currently unable to offer some parents the level of flexibility they require to access work or training.
- 4.26 Availability of provision for children under three years old is predominantly within private providers settings in partnership with the local authority to deliver funded early learning and childcare for three and four year olds. Although several

providers offer places for eligible two year olds, only thirty four children have a funded place with a partner provider.

- 4.27 It is acknowledged that the cost of providing places for two year olds is higher than for three and four year olds due to the lower child to adult ratio, 5:1 rather than 8:1 and this is a reason cited by partners for not providing funded places for eligible two year olds.
- 4.28 Currently Edinburgh pays partner providers the same rate for two, three and four year olds. We note that 17 other local authorities across Scotland pay their partners a higher rate for two year old funded places to encourage them to provide eligible two year old places and we believe that if Edinburgh also took this approach, it would enable us to provide greater access to funded places and help to reduce the barriers some parents/carers feel regarding access to a place e.g. location and flexibility.

Deferring entry to Primary School

- 4.29 Edinburgh was unsuccessful in its bid to participate in the second round of the Scottish Government pilot project on P1 deferrals. The council, at full committee in May 2021, agreed that all families wishing to defer their child's Primary 1 placement for August 2022 should be offered a funded place.
- 4.30 The scope of this work will include costing the financial impact on the Early Years budget, dependent on the number of requests for deferral which will be open to parents from January-March 31st 2022. The Scottish Government has confirmed all deferral requests for placements for August 2023 will become an entitlement for parents, should they wish to take up this offer to defer their child's Primary 1 place.
- 4.31 The Early Years team will continue to support play-based learning in Primary 1 and support the transition of children from early years settings with the provision of Early Years Practitioners in Primary 1 classes.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 Analyse the results of the parent survey and consider key message to report back to committee in May 2022.
- 5.2 Undertake a review the 1140 placement models of delivery for session 2022-23 to increase flexibility and choice for parents.
- 5.3 Implement new deferral process for P1s for August 2022.
- 5.4 Review the cost of placements for Eligible two year olds attending partner providers.

6. Financial impact

Capital

- 6.1 The Council received £39.48m of capital funding from the Scottish Government in 2018 to allow the delivery of its proposed infrastructure programme. However, rising costs have required that the scope of this programme be reduced and that a further £16.245m of revenue funding from the 1140 grant be realigned to capital. This brings the available capital budget to £55.725m.
- 6.2 Based on agreed contract sums for completed projects, cost plans produced for in-flight projects and cost estimates for projects in early phases, the overall capital cost of the Early Years infrastructure programme is currently estimated to be £54.394m. While individual projects will already include an element of contingency in their estimated costs, it means that the contingency for the overall programme is only £1.331m (2.5%).
- 6.3 In light of the volatility of costs within the construction sector and the continuing potential for delays (and therefore further cost implications) there remains a risk to the delivery of the programme in its current form. Greater clarity on this should be available ahead of Education, Children and Families Committee in March 2022.

Revenue

- 6.4 Financial Year 2021/22 is the final year of a multi-year Early Learning & Childcare Expansion Funding settlement. The Revenue funding distribution methodology for 2022/23 has yet to be agreed and there is a risk that City of Edinburgh's allocation may reduce in real terms.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 This report sets out the delivery of Edinburgh's Early Years 1140 expansion plan and the impact of the delayed capital programme.
- 7.2 Whilst all eligible children are receiving their funded hours, parents may not be able to access their preferred model of delivery in their first choice setting. The changes to the capital build programme as outlined in this report has reduced the level of accessible and flexible childcare available to families during session 2021-22.

8. Background reading/external references

- 8.1 ["Expansion of EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE from 600-1140 hours by 2020"](#), Education, Children and Families Committee, 14 August 2018
- 8.2 ["A Blueprint for 2020: The Expansion of EARLY LEARNING AND CHILDCARE in Scotland"](#)
- 8.3 <https://www.gov.scot/binaries/content/documents/govscot/publications/research-and-analysis/2017/03/drivers-barriers-uptake-early-learning-childcare-amongst-2->

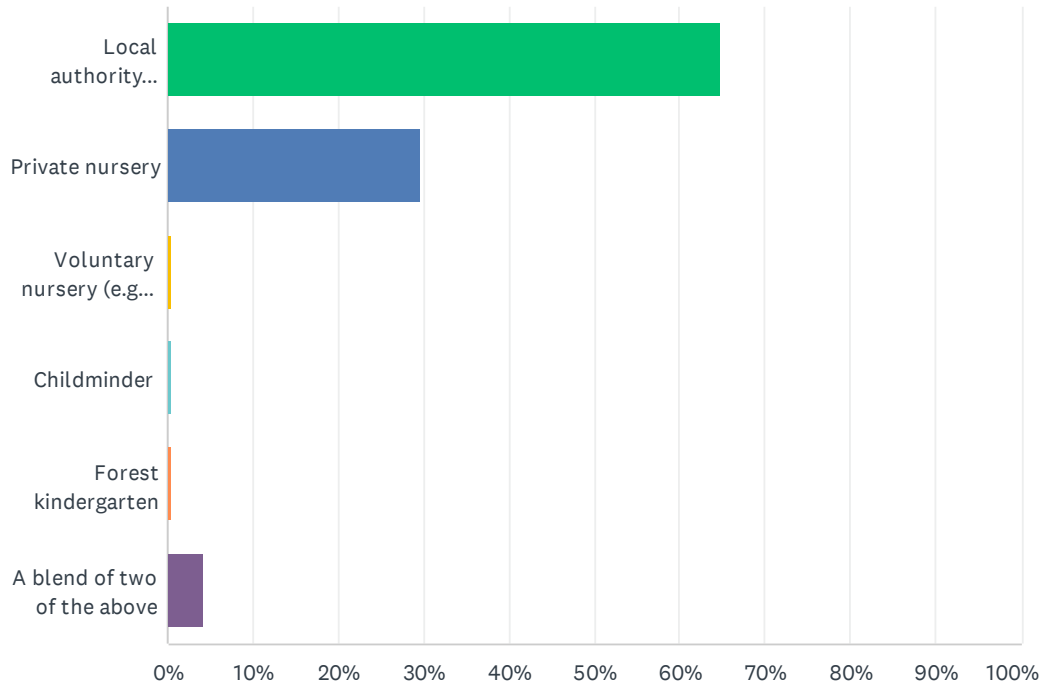
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9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 Early Learning and Childcare Parent and Carer Survey 2021
- 9.2 Appendix 2 Nursery places for 2 year olds

Q1 How do you currently access your funded hours of early learning and childcare?

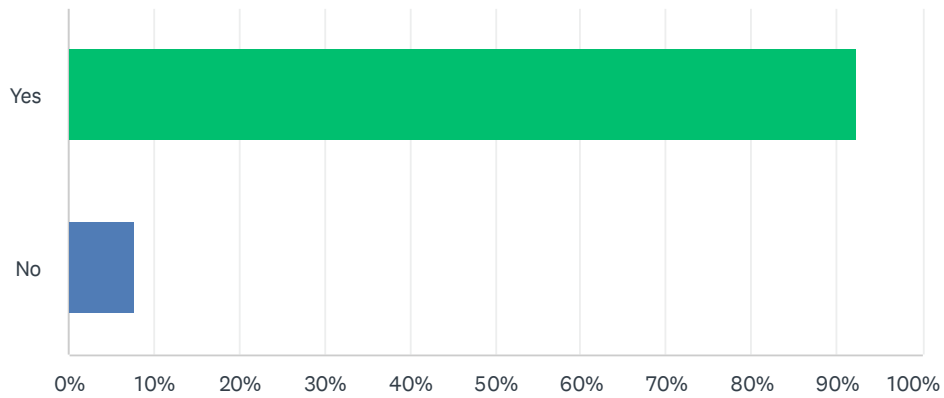
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Local authority nursery	64.89%	510
Private nursery	29.64%	233
Voluntary nursery (e.g. playgroup)	0.51%	4
Childminder	0.38%	3
Forest kindergarten	0.38%	3
A blend of two of the above	4.20%	33
TOTAL		786

Q2 Did you get a place at your first choice setting?

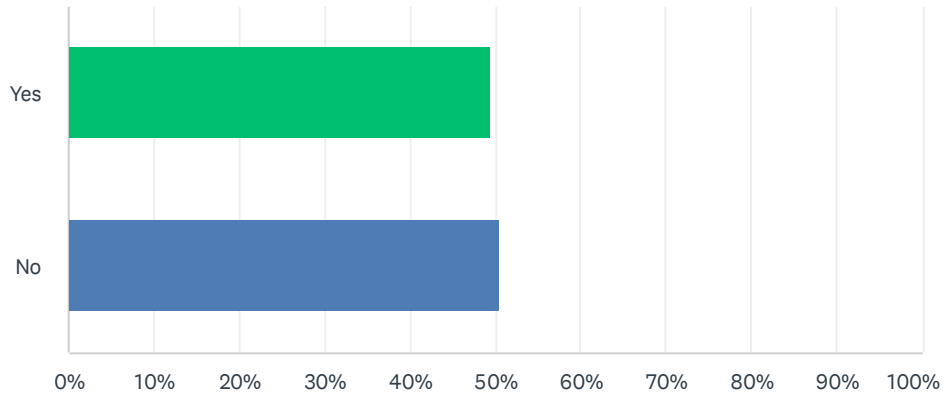
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	92.37% 726
No	7.63% 60
TOTAL	786

Q3 If you answered NO, is your current place at your second or third choice nursery?

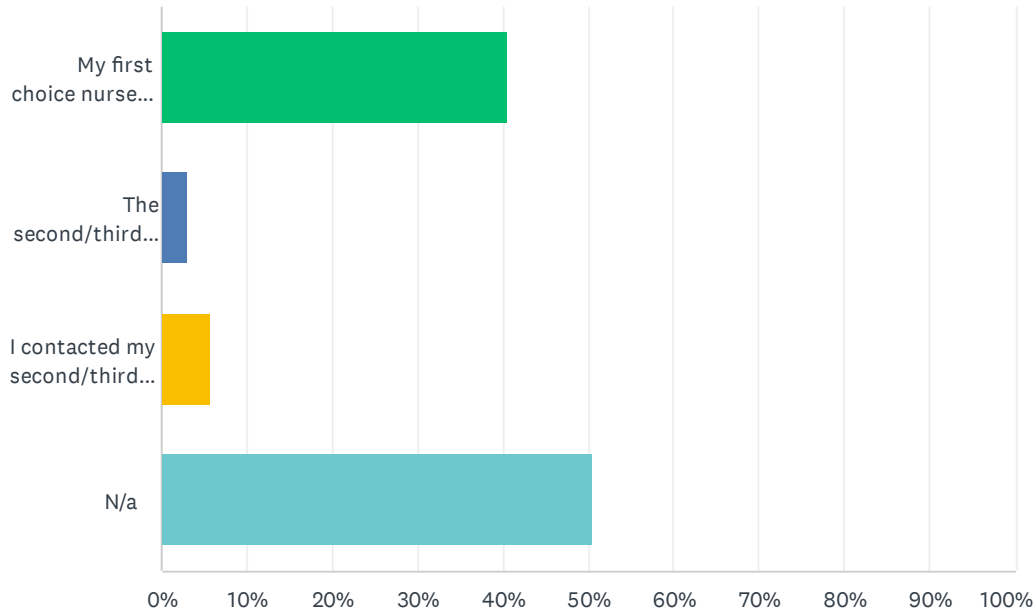
Answered: 115 Skipped: 678



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	49.57%	57
No	50.43%	58
TOTAL		115

Q4 How did you find out you had a place at your second or third choice nursery?

Answered: 626 Skipped: 167



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
My first choice nursery let me know	40.58%	254
The second/third choice nursery contacted me	3.04%	19
I contacted my second/third choice nursery	5.75%	36
N/a	50.64%	317
TOTAL		626

Q5 Could anything be done to improve the process of accessing a place at your first, second or third choice nursery?

Answered: 229 Skipped: 564

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I wanted the local authority nursery but they took in no new children this year at all. Was really disappointing. Also made difficult with very little warning and communication.	10/29/2021 5:04 PM
2	Feel the process could be more transparent and centralised, including knowing how many children are on waiting list, and being able to fill in digital, not paper forms. Nearly impossibly to find out anything about out local primary school nursery prior to application, website clunky and outdated, I still don't know much about eg behaviour policies, basically picked it because it's the catchment school one and we thought continuity better, and other parents said it was good, but that doesn't necessarily mean much as parents also say a private nursery near us is good that I wouldn't touch with a barge pole!	10/28/2021 10:22 AM
3	No	10/27/2021 2:17 PM
4	Looks good to us	10/26/2021 4:41 PM
5	N/A	10/26/2021 12:23 PM
6	N/A	10/25/2021 9:43 PM
7	Applied mid-year (Easter) so I wasn't surprised there wasn't space. It was a bit complicated to understand the process though (i.e. that I had to chase up the different nurseries and try to juggle possible spaces).	10/25/2021 4:29 PM
8	Dynamic communication	10/25/2021 3:08 PM
9	Not for us but we were maybe lucky.	10/25/2021 10:09 AM
10	There was just not enough places in our area, with waiting lists over a year long.	10/23/2021 4:16 PM
11	No	10/21/2021 2:03 PM
12	no	10/20/2021 10:08 PM
13	N-/a	10/20/2021 9:10 PM
14	N/A	10/20/2021 9:14 AM
15	For Nether Currie to be completed on time (January 2022)	10/19/2021 2:15 PM
16	Hours offered at school nursery were completely unsuitable for working parents. Went with private nursery which offered more flexibility around hours	10/19/2021 1:38 PM
17	The Edinburgh council website isn't clear with the nurseries available.	10/18/2021 5:56 AM
18	VERY long wait times (about 10 months!) - I needed to book a spot before our baby was born.	10/17/2021 1:13 PM
19	How long you have been on the waitlist and having siblings in school should count for more - we have been on the waitlist for a year and likely won't get in for another year, which is the pre school year. Extremely disappointing.	10/17/2021 11:44 AM
20	All has been fine on this occasion. Communication was severely lacking when my eldest went through the system.	10/16/2021 2:27 PM
21	I only applied for one nursery and the access process was excellent. A central database with all funded places available in the area would be helpful through.	10/16/2021 9:05 AM
22	No	10/15/2021 8:07 PM
23	More communication	10/15/2021 4:03 PM

24	Yes. By catchment area specifically. He's in an early years setting just now but come January I can't even get him into a full time nursery it's beyond a joke	10/15/2021 3:20 PM
25	No.. Covid s fault	10/14/2021 6:45 PM
26	I really do not know the process. The response I got from the first place of choice was quite vague; "stating that there is a long waiting list with no definitive timeframe on when my daughter would be enrolled.	10/14/2021 6:35 PM
27	More information and updates also it would of been nice to have a tour of the nursery I know covid stopped visits but a virtual tour would of been nice as I still don't know what Harper's nursery looks like	10/14/2021 5:01 PM
28	Nothing was happy with service	10/14/2021 4:20 PM
29	To help everyone to get place at their first, second or third choice nurse, more seats could be added with improvised infra structure	10/14/2021 11:35 AM
30	My first choice didn't receive the application. My second choice did and I had to call several times to ensure my LO got a place. There was no contact from the nursery to me and my first choice had to contact my second choice to gain access to the application.	10/14/2021 11:26 AM
31	All the spaces for every nursery in a 2 mile radius are full. I can't access my full hours.	10/14/2021 8:00 AM
32	Yes - doubling the hours was always going to halve the capacity. This should have been foreseen and additional steps taken e.g. increasing staffing, introducing forest school so part of the group can be outside etc.	10/14/2021 6:10 AM
33	No	10/13/2021 9:47 PM
34	Daughter was already at the nursery so didn't have any choices to make.	10/13/2021 8:46 PM
35	We had a great experience accessing our first choice so nothing urgent springs to mind to improve the service.	10/13/2021 3:07 PM
36	Information on the practicalities of the application process, the offering from local nurseries, admission criteria (that there even was one) contact details for any queries, timelines for what needed to be done when (e.g earliest application) was sparse. At a new parent meeting the system for the first time it was frustrating and I think those administrating it at council and nursery school level assume parents either already know or have already been told what they need to do and by what timescale - which is not the case.	10/13/2021 10:04 AM
37	No	10/12/2021 11:05 PM
38	More information about the hours on offer. I appreciate that Covid had an impact this year but even before you're often applying with no information.	10/12/2021 10:54 PM
39	We actually deferred our son's P1 place until August 2022. He was placed at his catchment primary school (Murrayburn) but we deferred his place and sought an out of catchment placement at his current Nursery (Broomhouse) where he receives excellent support and is very happy and settled.	10/12/2021 8:48 PM
40	The process of accessing the nursery was very easy and the staff was very helpful with the forms.	10/12/2021 7:18 PM
41	The Nursery has small capacity and covid also complicate the issue, due to the small number of the pupil is allowed.	10/12/2021 4:34 PM
42	Explanation of application process and place allocation in advance from setting itself	10/12/2021 4:23 PM
43	I sent separate applications to each nursery as my original application did not appear to get shared with the 2nd and 3rd choices.	10/12/2021 3:56 PM
44	n/a	10/12/2021 1:52 PM
45	No	10/12/2021 1:51 PM
46	Not Applicable.	10/12/2021 12:49 PM
47	No	10/12/2021 11:35 AM
48	Definitely would be made easier if there was catchment areas. As we live directly opposite	10/12/2021 10:30 AM

	nursery / school and fought to get a place.	
49	More cleanliness	10/12/2021 9:32 AM
50	It should be considered that if a child has a sibling in the setting already they should be a priority My daughter got a space this year but last year she didnt which made things difficult for us and only because I work in school I was able to get her elsewhere (still had to drop my hours at work as it wasnt a full time space)	10/11/2021 10:17 PM
51	I think more places are needed; the capacity of nurseries need to be increased/more nurseries are required for areas with new developments, e.g North Edinburgh	10/11/2021 9:28 PM
52	No	10/11/2021 9:20 PM
53	Offer part time places for those families who want them so more children can attend.	10/11/2021 9:07 PM
54	Those who do not wish to make use of the extended hours should be able to share a place.	10/11/2021 9:02 PM
55	More consideration when siblings are at the school of the choice of nursery, double drop off makes more stress for parent's and to get to work	10/11/2021 8:38 PM
56	More information on the nurseries available on the council website	10/11/2021 8:13 PM
57	Na	10/11/2021 7:50 PM
58	No.	10/11/2021 7:29 PM
59	No	10/11/2021 7:00 PM
60	I prayed children going full week rather than 2 ays week. It's difficult for children under 3 for setting up.	10/11/2021 6:24 PM
61	Yes, clear, understandable information on the whole process was difficult to access. The website could provide more info and perhaps a leaflet given to parents.	10/11/2021 6:07 PM
62	The information comes out very late in the year, we felt we had to make inquiries and secure a place at a private nursery too as we weren't confident we would definitely get a place.	10/11/2021 4:42 PM
63	Lack of Information or knowledge of when to apply how to apply. Then application sent and a long wait to find out about places etc.	10/11/2021 3:55 PM
64	NA	10/11/2021 3:40 PM
65	Clearer information from council preemptively on how to apply (ie when your child is 2, standard info sheet sent out with details of application process etc).	10/11/2021 3:01 PM
66	For me everything was easy and straight forward.	10/11/2021 3:01 PM
67	greater transparency as regards options; our nursery took a long time to decide on admissions and we were notified at very short notice	10/11/2021 2:39 PM
68	If it's possible to have a centralised database that shows availability so that parents/carers do not have to wait for response.	10/11/2021 2:25 PM
69	Not applicable as my son was all ready in this nursery when I applied for hours	10/11/2021 2:22 PM
70	Email confirmation as well as a hard copy letter. I only received a hard copy letter.	10/11/2021 1:24 PM
71	It wasn't entirely clear to us whom we had to submit the application to, so this could be made a little clearer.	10/10/2021 11:07 PM
72	Yes there was literally no physical space at Kirkliston for my child. Very upsetting and not good enough.	10/9/2021 10:35 PM
73	All nurseries should be offering a blended module	10/9/2021 1:59 PM
74	More places in each nursery to ensure kids get their first choice nursery	10/8/2021 9:15 PM
75	-	10/8/2021 7:51 PM
76	I am not aware of the process of how to choose another nursery as she was already in a private nursery. If I knew I could apply for funded hours in another one, I would have done it. However, the process was done through the nursery.	10/8/2021 6:15 PM

77	N/A	10/8/2021 5:49 PM
78	No I was very impressed with the communication from my first choice nursery and with the process for applying for a place.	10/8/2021 5:35 PM
79	Time line from applying to gain it takes too long	10/8/2021 4:54 PM
80	Application process should be online so parents can track progress.	10/8/2021 12:42 PM
81	Inform earlier. Only knowing less than a term ahead doesn't leave much time to change plans. This also relates to how hours are received. Private nursery is so inaccessible these days due to fees and waiting lists.	10/8/2021 11:22 AM
82	I wasn't even aware of the process. Child was already in a private nursery. So more awareness that there is actually a process to be followed!	10/8/2021 11:18 AM
83	No	10/8/2021 10:00 AM
84	No	10/7/2021 7:40 PM
85	Yes improved communication and spaces	10/7/2021 7:26 PM
86	We had no idea where or when we should apply. It required a lot research on our part and a lot of confusion.	10/7/2021 6:59 PM
87	Nurseries should refer parents to providers in the local area who have spaces available, rather than simply placing them on an indefinite waiting list. It should be possible to have a central system showing place availability, and to require council funded settings to provide parents with this information as a condition of their funding. This would save parents a huge amount of time and effort searching and ensure funded capacity is fully utilised - i. e. That all children are getting the care they are entitled to receive.	10/7/2021 5:16 PM
88	While I got my 1st choice of nursery this year - my little boy didn't get his place last year so he lost a year of nursery. I was previously told he'd get a place no problem by the school. Last year I wasn't offered my 2nd or 3rd place and was told it was up to me to call round by which point all places were taken. seems like a waste of time putting these choices on the form as schools don't appear to talk each other, I then had to pay for my sons space at playgroup with no funding as no one updated us from the school until I called them and it was too late - extremely disappointing	10/7/2021 3:48 PM
89	Clearer information about when you should expect to hear, more detail about school nursery timings (and more flexibility please!). More information about how the process works. It seems to be a secretive process with little feedback to parents on the process.	10/7/2021 2:26 PM
90	More local authority provision required	10/7/2021 1:29 PM
91	Create more spaces, system is farcical	10/7/2021 11:34 AM
92	I am actually happier with my second choice nursery than I would have been with my first so I'm very glad my first choice nursery gave me and my child this amazing opportunity	10/7/2021 10:44 AM
93	Maybe more communication with how long waiting lists are, I know friends that struggled.	10/6/2021 9:21 PM
94	N/a	10/6/2021 6:39 PM
95	I am on the list for public nursery and have been contacted, however the full time hours are 0830-3.12 and Friday until 1130 which isn't helpful	10/6/2021 5:59 PM
96	Better communication	10/6/2021 4:10 PM
97	I feel the system is flawed as we only found out Daniel didn't have a spot at our first choice nursery very late in the game and on the letter informing us it said the application would then be passed onto our 2nd choice nursery which then subsequently contacted us unsurprisingly with no space.	10/6/2021 3:43 PM
98	Let parents know sooner if they have a place	10/6/2021 11:39 AM
99	The options seemed quite opaque at first. Like, we chose Echline nursery as that's the school we'll be using, but later found out Queensferry offered extended hours. Our pattern works for us now, with some juggling, but I feel a menu of local options would really have helped make informed choice.	10/6/2021 10:52 AM

100	More information, clearer process	10/6/2021 10:44 AM
101	Increase the number of nurseries. There are not enough in my local area	10/6/2021 9:49 AM
102	.	10/6/2021 9:01 AM
103	I only got a place after someone else dropped out, by which point I had accepted a place elsewhere that I had to give up - a central system with places allocated at the same time would be much easier. I had also been on multiple waiting lists from before my child turned 3 in April I was told there would be no spaces anywhere until the August after she turned 3 (even though I was willing to pay). This delayed my starting work after moving to Edinburgh in January.	10/6/2021 8:29 AM
104	N/A	10/6/2021 8:28 AM
105	No it was fairly straight forward and quick.	10/6/2021 6:00 AM
106	It is very difficult finding local authority nurseries and the hours they are able to offer in advance of the school year. For working parents this makes local authority nurseries inaccessible	10/5/2021 10:58 PM
107	N/A - we researched and contacted the private nursery we believed best suited our child to see if they had places. Thankfully they did and informed us straight away. There is not a local authority nursery attached to our catchment primary school, hence the need to go private.	10/5/2021 10:20 PM
108	I found it difficult to find out about pre school nursery places and didn't want to go down that route anyway but if I had I would have missed the time lines for it	10/5/2021 9:55 PM
109	No	10/5/2021 9:12 PM
110	Availability of space!	10/5/2021 6:19 PM
111	Not applicable as went to private nursery	10/5/2021 4:39 PM
112	Very easy and straightforward	10/5/2021 4:15 PM
113	No	10/5/2021 4:12 PM
114	It should be based on people who live in the area. parents should be sent a letter of when to enroll based on the age of the child etc.	10/5/2021 3:22 PM
115	The process is not well laid out for parents. A clear outline of how and when to apply would be helpful.	10/5/2021 3:01 PM
116	Yes. The first choice nursery should write to parents regardless of whether child received placement or not. They should also automatically forward the application to second choice nursery. This did not happen in my case.	10/5/2021 2:18 PM
117	N/A	10/5/2021 2:12 PM
118	N/A	10/5/2021 12:13 PM
119	Na	10/5/2021 7:59 AM
120	More information available online about local authority nurseries	10/5/2021 6:40 AM
121	Places are limited to the demand in the area	10/4/2021 9:36 PM
122	More outdoor/ forest school nurseries, and ones offering full day places throughout the year for 3 days/ week.	10/4/2021 8:56 PM
123	When COVID rules are relaxed, it would be great to see the inside of the nursery. Due to COVID rules, it hasn't been possible. Also, I feel the school is currently accommodating of my needs as I am currently single parenting.	10/4/2021 8:56 PM
124	Communication between nurseries and more spaces	10/4/2021 7:42 PM
125	No	10/4/2021 7:34 PM
126	More recent care inspectorate reports (last 2018).	10/4/2021 7:33 PM
127	No	10/4/2021 4:55 PM

128	No	10/4/2021 3:29 PM
129	No	10/4/2021 2:46 PM
130	A website to provide some basic introduction and the facilities provided by each nursery	10/4/2021 2:29 PM
131	No	10/4/2021 2:08 PM
132	Yes . They can offer place to the children who live in the area	10/4/2021 1:41 PM
133	Ideally advance notice up to a term before the start date so can make other arrangements if necessary	10/4/2021 1:00 PM
134	None	10/4/2021 12:47 PM
135	No	10/4/2021 11:41 AM
136	I wasn't informed by them, I had to chase it up myself. A letter in the post in advance would be better.	10/4/2021 11:24 AM
137	No	10/4/2021 11:13 AM
138	It was pretty straight forward for us and the nursery were very helpful in ensuring that we filled in the correct paperwork etc.	10/4/2021 10:22 AM
139	The requirement from our local council nursery for our child to use the full allocation of hours prevented us from choosing this. It's a real shame that there appears to be no flexibility with this but as a part-time working mum, I do not want my child to attend nursery all day every day - I want to be able to spend some time with her myself.	10/3/2021 9:00 PM
140	No improvements necessary	10/3/2021 8:36 PM
141	No.	10/3/2021 7:41 PM
142	No	10/3/2021 6:15 PM
143	Na	10/3/2021 3:12 PM
144	-----	10/3/2021 9:28 AM
145	No	10/2/2021 10:00 PM
146	Was happy with the process	10/2/2021 5:38 PM
147	The 3 year olds don't stand a chance of getting into our local authority nursery because the spaces are taken up by the 4 year olds. More staff and more facilities are needed to accommodate those entitled to a place. You'd have to accommodate a child of school age, why is this not happening with nursery children? Places shouldn't be allocated in a local authority nursery simply based on age then forcing people to look for a private one. If private nurseries are part of the offer then parents should just apply for a nursery space, submitting details of working hours etc. The most suitable nursery place could then be offered. E.g. I need full time hours, term time but that's not an option for me just now so my child is in 2 days a week all year round. My child doesn't need to be in nursery when I'm off work and I then need to find childcare for the other 2 days. A space in my local nursery that offers this is being taken up by how many children of parents who have different work commitments and probably need childcare during the holidays too.	10/2/2021 8:41 AM
148	Earlier would be good if this is possible	10/1/2021 9:36 PM
149	My daughter was initially rejected from our first choice due to lack of spaces. But the nursery was given approval to increase	10/1/2021 9:30 PM
150	It would be nice if you could know a bit earlier if you got a place. I gave my registration form in situ and waited around 10 months for a reply.	10/1/2021 5:33 PM
151	More staff so more kids could be offered a place.	10/1/2021 2:54 PM
152	Greater and clearer communication from the nursery. We were notified of our place at very short notice.	10/1/2021 2:17 PM
153	No	10/1/2021 1:46 PM

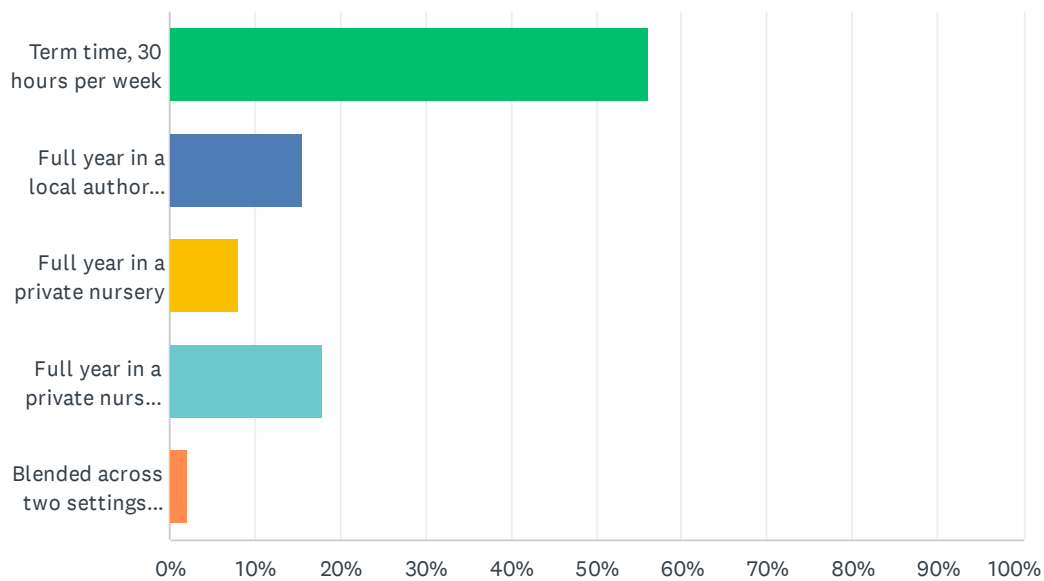
154	N/a	10/1/2021 12:44 PM
155	No	10/1/2021 12:23 PM
156	I would rather send my daughter to the school nursery but the hours do not work well for working parents or the lack of holiday provision (holiday clubs will generally only take children who are 4).	10/1/2021 12:09 PM
157	No	10/1/2021 11:29 AM
158	N/a	10/1/2021 10:54 AM
159	No,the process is straight forward	10/1/2021 10:31 AM
160	To help parents make contingency arrangements, the selection process could be carried out sooner and more advance information given on how the decision-making is carried out. The impact on imperfect childcare arrangements on parents' jobs can be enormous and the sooner arrangements can be fixed the better.	10/1/2021 10:15 AM
161	N/A	10/1/2021 9:57 AM
162	Eligibility criteria should change so children from local area have a priority access to their pre school nursery. At present children whose siblings are already in their local primary school have priority to get place at their local pre school nursery. This discriminates families with one child only	10/1/2021 9:16 AM
163	Nil	9/30/2021 11:12 PM
164	No	9/30/2021 10:33 PM
165	No, I went and asked, do you have spaces. They asked me to bring the papers and it was simple.	9/30/2021 10:06 PM
166	No	9/30/2021 8:45 PM
167	No it was easy.	9/30/2021 7:52 PM
168	The time can be more longer until 3.30 or 4.00pm	9/30/2021 7:44 PM
169	Yes, I was waiting for so long for answer. My friends which applied for a space more then a month after me they received a letter quicker and I was not sure what is going on.	9/30/2021 7:38 PM
170	No	9/30/2021 6:36 PM
171	The process of this was disrupted by covid but was dealt with thoughtfully. I didn't even know of I got a place at the second choice but I did get offered a place at Greendykes early years where my daughter was before covid hit	9/30/2021 6:26 PM
172	No	9/30/2021 6:14 PM
173	No	9/30/2021 5:58 PM
174	No	9/30/2021 5:48 PM
175	Facilitate more nurseries around the household areas instead of letting out to shops and eateries.	9/30/2021 5:43 PM
176	I written formal letter from the nursery. I did not get any. It was just a phone call a day earlier that my toddler could start her nursery from tomorrow. This is not ideal as anyone can miss a call, so a formal written letter would be great at least a week before	9/30/2021 5:05 PM
177	N/A	9/30/2021 4:59 PM
178	No it was excellent	9/30/2021 4:33 PM
179	the places at the local authority nurseries are full to capacity. Children are kept on waiting list and nit sure when a place is going to become available	9/30/2021 4:31 PM
180	Nothing to improve, I got the 1140 hours at the nursery I wanted.	9/30/2021 4:01 PM
181	My child was already enrolled at our private nursery	9/30/2021 3:58 PM
182	Receiving acceptance sooner...the wait is long!	9/30/2021 3:24 PM

183	Get every school nursery to offer 1140 hours, not to the selected few	9/30/2021 3:20 PM
184	Information on when to apply for a space	9/30/2021 3:15 PM
185	No	9/30/2021 2:58 PM
186	As a first time parents we didnt know when to apply to education. Health visitor gave us wrong information	9/30/2021 2:56 PM
187	N/A	9/30/2021 2:31 PM
188	No.	9/30/2021 2:28 PM
189	No	9/30/2021 2:15 PM
190	It would be helpful if we could have a choice which part of the nursery class we get a place in. MEYC is divided into three classes (children's house, Skye and Harris) all of which are on different streets.	9/30/2021 2:10 PM
191	No	9/30/2021 1:40 PM
192	No	9/30/2021 1:31 PM
193	No	9/30/2021 1:30 PM
194	No	9/30/2021 1:18 PM
195	I applied to two nurseries (local authority) but the first had hours which were not suitable.	9/30/2021 1:18 PM
196	Make the hours offered across the city clearer. We were a bit bamboozled by the different combinations. Also, make the process for childminders to become 'partnered carers' easier - we had to leave 2 brilliant childminders to be able to use our hours.	9/30/2021 12:55 PM
197	N/a	9/30/2021 12:46 PM
198	If you are a first time parent it's not always known what to do, some guidance should be issued when child turns 2 as to what they need to do to register with a nursery	9/30/2021 12:45 PM
199	I didn't get a place last year when my child turned 3 years of age so has to seek out a private nursery myself. Fortunately she has got a place at school nursery now aged 4. Actually she did receive a letter with a place at school nursery when she was 3 but it was retracted leaving me in the lurch. I don't think this should be able to happen once you offer a place.	9/30/2021 12:18 PM
200	My daughter currently attends north Edinburgh childcare but was offered a full time place at forthview. Due to limited options for childminders I was unable to move her. I feel that if council nurseries could open at 8am or even 8.15am this would be more helpful to working parents. And then only need top up childcare at the other end.	9/30/2021 12:17 PM
201	I wouldn't know, as I got a place for my child in my first choice nursery and we're really happy and grateful for that.	9/30/2021 12:15 PM
202	Eligible 2s should be offered to everyone. Ie working families aswell as seems unfair to only be offered to unemployed or low income as all families can struggle with finding childcare and could do with help.	9/30/2021 12:10 PM
203	no	9/30/2021 12:04 PM
204	I don't see how I could do anything as it is internally decided by the council.	9/30/2021 12:03 PM
205	No	9/30/2021 11:33 AM
206	We did get first choice but only for 2 days. 2nd choice only had 2 days too.	9/30/2021 11:08 AM
207	Take peoples situation into account.	9/30/2021 11:07 AM
208	A more transparent process for how local authority nursery allocate spaces.	9/30/2021 11:05 AM
209	My son initially attended Hillwood nursery from april 2021 for his ante natal year - this was an inconvenience for us that our son couldn't attend ratho nursery from the april as this has meant he has been unsettled and caused confusion for him. There should be more places for 3 year olds to attend the nursery that is 150m round the corner from the child to avoid unsettling them down the line.	9/30/2021 10:33 AM

210	Catchment areas are not always practical, especially in rural areas. This needs to be reviewed.	9/30/2021 10:03 AM
211	My experience was fine so no changes	9/30/2021 9:32 AM
212	No, it was very straightforward	9/30/2021 9:21 AM
213	Nope	9/30/2021 9:05 AM
214	Increased provision in populous areas.	9/30/2021 7:51 AM
215	I dont think we realised we really had no option of getting a place at our school Nursery due to being sooo over subscribed (Wardie). We applied when daughter turned 3 as was advised it's not in date of application, but date of birth and siblings in school. She's 4 in 2 weeks and starts school next Aug and still hasn't managed to get a place despite being one of the older children even now. We're desperately disappointed.	9/30/2021 12:50 AM
216	N/A	9/29/2021 9:32 PM
217	we have always used a private nursery so didn't to apply for a funded place	9/29/2021 8:57 PM
218	no	9/29/2021 8:50 PM
219	More clarity of process and fees upfront, e.g. webpage with info specific to Edinburgh and what might be different for each nursery, when you can apply and who deals with application etc.	9/29/2021 8:37 PM
220	N/a	9/29/2021 8:05 PM
221	Seemed a stressful process, not enough spaces! Some signing up for nurseries when babies weeks old/not yet born to get places	9/29/2021 7:36 PM
222	No	9/29/2021 7:29 PM
223	Have more nurseries in South Queensferry	9/29/2021 7:23 PM
224	No was made easy for me to apply. Accepted an email application due to lockdown restrictions and school closures.	9/29/2021 7:19 PM
225	The wait list is ridiculously long. I feel like there should be some kind of prioritisation for local children	9/29/2021 6:17 PM
226	N/A	9/29/2021 5:25 PM
227	My child attends private nursery, so we were not involved in the process of accessing place. He went to the same nursery as his brother.	9/29/2021 5:07 PM
228	n/a	9/29/2021 4:49 PM
229	No	9/29/2021 3:52 PM

Q6 How do you receive your funded hours?

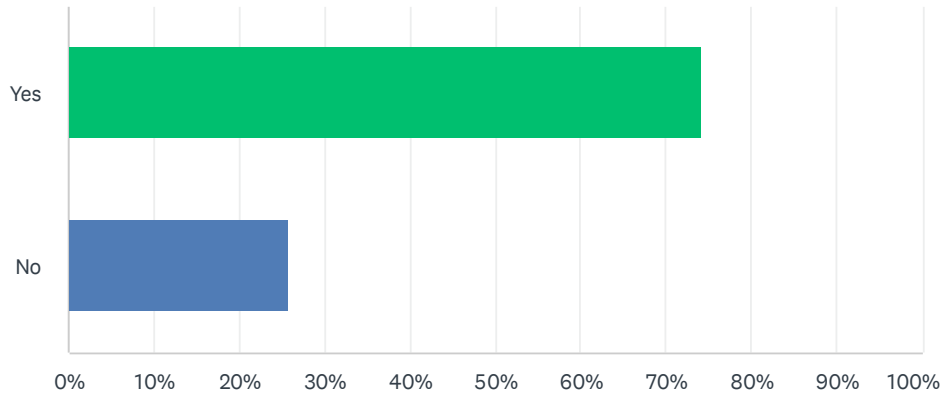
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Term time, 30 hours per week	56.15%	438
Full year in a local authority nursery, two full days and flexi Friday	15.64%	122
Full year in a private nursery	8.21%	64
Full year in a private nursery with the option to purchase more hours	17.82%	139
Blended across two settings (e.g. local authority nursery and partner childminder)	2.18%	17
TOTAL		780

Q7 Does this option meet your needs?

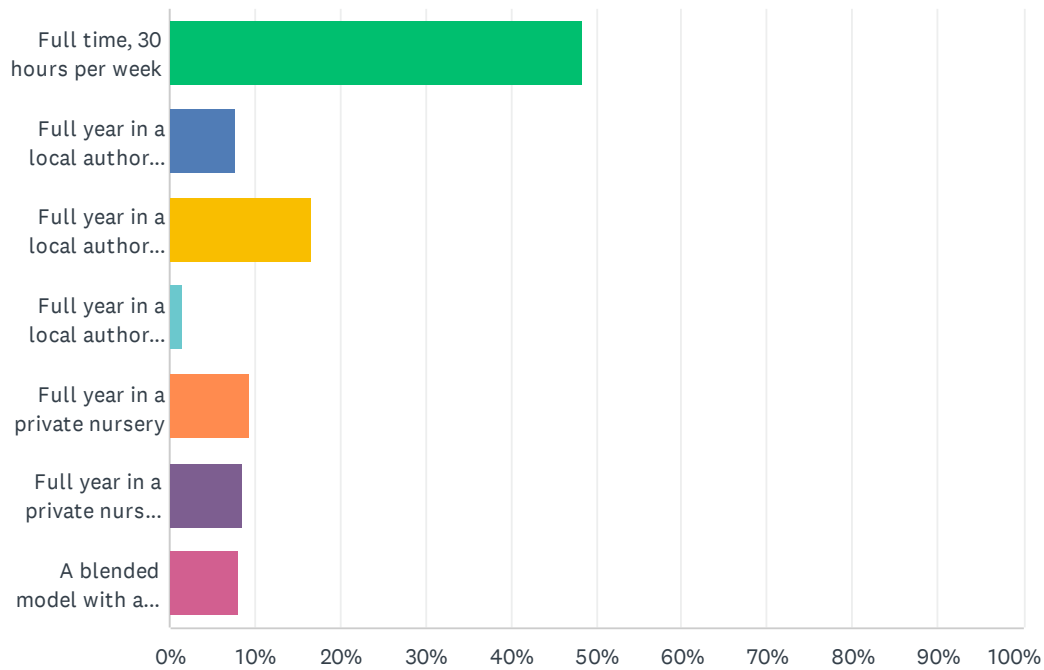
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	74.14%	582
No	25.86%	203
TOTAL		785

Q8 If NO, which of the following options would you prefer?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Full time, 30 hours per week	48.34%	102
Full year in a local authority nursery, two full days and a flexi Friday	7.58%	16
Full year in a local authority nursery, AM only sessions	16.59%	35
Full year in a local authority nursery, PM only sessions	1.42%	3
Full year in a private nursery	9.48%	20
Full year in a private nursery with the option to purchase more hours	8.53%	18
A blended model with a partner childminder	8.06%	17
TOTAL		211

#	OTHER, PLEASE STATE	DATE
1	I would like school term and hours to match my school age child	10/29/2021 5:04 PM
2	Flexible approach if the full 30 hours are not needed at age 3.	10/25/2021 8:27 PM
3	Term time with option to pay for extra to make up to a 6pm latest finish	10/25/2021 7:46 PM
4	Full time in local authority nursery.	10/17/2021 11:44 AM
5	We would have preferred mornings Monday to Friday but that doesn't seem an option.	10/16/2021 4:00 PM
6	Anything would be better than two 10 hour days the break in between is too much and not beneficial to a pre school child	10/15/2021 4:03 PM
7	Local authority - all year,with option to purchase more hours	10/15/2021 10:47 AM

8	Full year with a local authority nursery with the option to purchase more hours	10/14/2021 6:35 PM
9	I can't access the full 30 hours a week as there is no availability near me.	10/14/2021 6:10 AM
10	I	10/13/2021 8:46 PM
11	Needs mostly met really well, but school holiday options would be great	10/12/2021 4:23 PM
12	Full time 40 hours per week	10/12/2021 4:15 PM
13	I think having a couple of different options available to suit different people's needs would be useful	10/12/2021 4:13 PM
14	Not applicable	10/12/2021 12:49 PM
15	I work 9-5 so struggle getting to work on time and rely on others picking my child up for 3:15	10/12/2021 10:41 AM
16	The traditional mornings during term time	10/11/2021 9:20 PM
17	I'd rather have part time hours offered at term time. 5 mornings a week would be ideal.	10/11/2021 9:07 PM
18	Longer opening hours in Council nurseries. Closing at 2.30 or 3.30 useless if working full time	10/11/2021 8:13 PM
19	We do term time funded hours, and pay for the training to make it full time full year.	10/11/2021 3:40 PM
20	30 h per week every week of the year. Does not really matter where.	10/11/2021 2:50 PM
21	Having the option to use less hours in the local authority nursery. A mix of full days and half days.	10/11/2021 2:36 PM
22	Morning or afternoons only	10/11/2021 2:22 PM
23	Term time, 30 hours per week (5 days 8.30-3 pm to mirror school!!!!!!)	10/9/2021 11:13 AM
24	Term time AM or PM only. Appreciate this wont add up to 30 hours but not all families need or want their children to be in nursery for 30 hours per week	10/8/2021 7:51 PM
25	Options available for nursery during school holidays (e.g holiday club a couple of days a week)	10/8/2021 12:42 PM
26	Full year, full time	10/8/2021 9:57 AM
27	The flex Friday makes things too complex to blend with private nursery, end up not using it.	10/8/2021 8:22 AM
28	The flexi Friday is a waste of time. I still need to provide and pay for childcare every friday, even though my child gets one Friday every 4 to 5 weeks. There are no children there in the afternoon on a flexi Friday. Preference would be same model as private nurseries - 2.5 days per week	10/7/2021 7:33 PM
29	8 hours per day, 3 days per week, 48 weeks/year	10/7/2021 5:16 PM
30	A blended model where timings can be chosen to fit the child. Often the school nursery is the number 1 choice but we have found it highly inflexible in what it will offer in terms of hours/days. The nursery is inflexible in letting the children leave after a half session and threatens parents with losing their space. If it doesn't suit the parent to have a child in nursery for more hours than a P1 day, the child should not lose their space because the parent doesn't want them to attend full time. How about offering part time nursery shares? And being more flexible to the child's/family's needs please.	10/7/2021 2:26 PM
31	We need more than 1140 hours	10/7/2021 1:29 PM
32	Funded hours should be extended to suit working hours (eg full time 9-5)	10/6/2021 9:32 PM
33	Would prefer school hours at LA nursery.	10/6/2021 9:03 PM
34	Full time provision for working parents (8am-6pm)	10/6/2021 4:10 PM
35	We've made it works, but see above re point in flexible hours /extended days/52 weeks would be helpful to understand up front	10/6/2021 10:52 AM
36	9 to 13 h 5 days a week	10/6/2021 10:47 AM
37	Full time, 40 hours per week	10/6/2021 9:49 AM
38	I work part time but 3 full 8 hour days so would like to use my 30 hours to cover 3 full days of	10/6/2021 8:29 AM

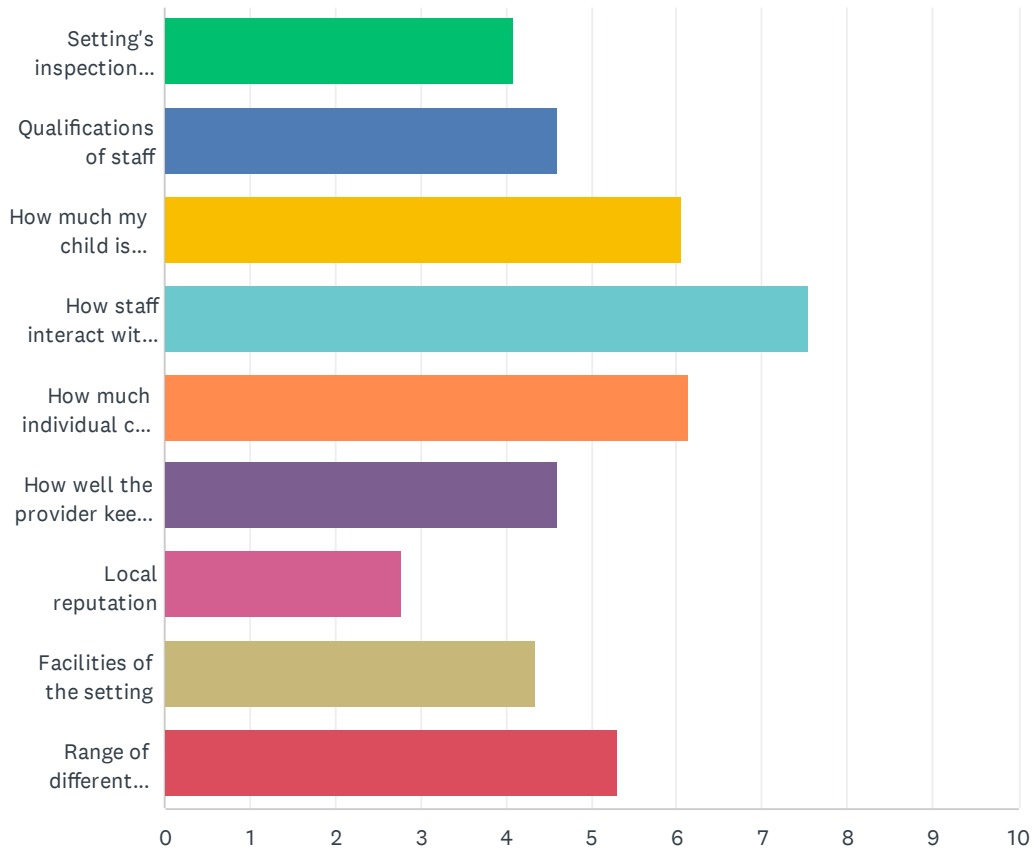
care, full year. At the moment I get free care on Thurs & Fri (which I don't need) and have to pay for after school club Mon-Wed which is also disruptive as it means my 3 year old attending 2 different providers.

39	Full year funding with choice of split	10/6/2021 8:28 AM
40	Blended model, private nursery with option to have am or pm local authority nursery sessions in all catchments	10/5/2021 10:20 PM
41	The full days are good but flexible Fridays are complicated to organise cover for full time working parents	10/5/2021 3:01 PM
42	Term time - 30 hours a week or option or 3/4 school hour days full time	10/5/2021 2:52 PM
43	full year in local authority nursery with option to purchase more hours to reflect realities of my work rather than having to split childcare	10/5/2021 12:22 PM
44	Full year in a L.A nursery with option to purchase more hours would be ideal. Impossible to organise when working a normal job without family nearby otherwise.	10/4/2021 8:56 PM
45	Option of childminder pick up drop off	10/4/2021 3:29 PM
46	Full time, with flexibility to add more hours	10/4/2021 2:29 PM
47	I can't find childcare for a Friday from 11.40 for a few hours	10/4/2021 1:25 PM
48	Ability to use school wrap around care would be highly beneficial	10/4/2021 9:24 AM
49	The way the change to the 30 hour model has been implemented means that it is difficult or impossible to find a nursery in which you can only send your child for mornings only (15 hours per week). For many children and families including ours this shorter period is preferable. In addition the funding has not been doubled so the quality of provision is worse. In short, the change to 30 hours has made nursery provision worse for many children. Nurseries should not be financially penalised for offering mornings only to children.	10/3/2021 9:10 PM
50	Term time, 15 hours per week	10/3/2021 9:00 PM
51	Term time but all nurseries in Edinburgh should be doing to the same hours across the council. I work in a term time nursery that operates Monday-Friday whereas my child's nursery only offers Monday-Thursday for term time	10/3/2021 6:15 PM
52	At least three full days and flexi Friday	10/1/2021 8:15 PM
53	The prblem is that we work 40 hours and it's impossible to find a childminder to look after your child on Fridays after 12:30 and After School Clubs are only for 5+ in my area	10/1/2021 5:33 PM
54	Until recently, with 2 children under 5 in full time nursery it really was unaffordable. The hours should be extended to include 2 year olds or else additional hours offered.	10/1/2021 2:34 PM
55	I wouldn't mind 2 full days plus Fridays but I think 2 full days from 8am til 6pm is way too long for children,which can affect them negatively or if I take my child earlier she's loosing out hrs	10/1/2021 2:17 PM
56	Full year of around 46 weeks less public holidays in local authority nursery with slightly fewer hours. The 50 week year in private settings is a commercial creation and not necessary in a local authority setting.	10/1/2021 10:15 AM
57	It would be useful if there was an option for extra 15-30mins in the morning so could drop off at nursery 8-8.15am and make it to work on time...	10/1/2021 9:40 AM
58	30h per week including non term time	9/30/2021 10:33 PM
59	Also pm works for me, 2 days a weeks it's not great for our son	9/30/2021 8:52 PM
60	Term time only in private nursery. This isn't an option so pay for term time which I don't really need	9/30/2021 5:46 PM
61	Holidays are a real struggle with working full time. Private nursery cost are unrealistic especially with multiple children.	9/30/2021 4:54 PM
62	Less hours. I think 30 hours per week is far too much for a 3 year old and more should be done to encourage parents to care at home in the early years.	9/30/2021 3:21 PM

63	I feel 8.15 to 4.15 Monday to Thursday is a long day for my child. I'd like the days to slightly be shorter and a half day Friday given.	9/30/2021 2:54 PM
64	Would like my child to be able to have access to at least 4 days (preferably Mon to Fri 9-3) instead of only 2 days a week which doesn't benefit him or meet his needs at all. 8am-6pm is simply too long a day for a 3 year old. How is he meant to go to school 5 days a week next year when he has already lost out on so much because of covid, starting nursery got delayed and he has only ever been 2 days a week. The restrictions set for nurseries are wrong and make no sense. Kids are at minimum risk and most adults are now vaccinated. Nurseries should be able to have more children in for a full week rather than 2 days and 1 Friday a month. These restrictions aren't at primary or high schools so unsure why pre schoolers are the ones being published here. I am in the process of looking to move my child which I don't want to do but I am seriously worried when he starts school he won't be used to being in an education setting full time.	9/30/2021 2:43 PM
65	School hours - week days 8.45-3 and 8.45-12 friday	9/30/2021 1:38 PM
66	To pick the two days that suit me with the flexi Friday.	9/30/2021 12:46 PM
67	Hours that match school times	9/30/2021 11:42 AM
68	5 half days (either AM or PM) or 3 full days	9/30/2021 11:08 AM
69	Option to add childcare during school holidays	9/30/2021 10:21 AM
70	30 hours does not cover my work hours. I need additional care from 3pm to 5pm.	9/30/2021 10:11 AM
71	30 hours term time plus the option to purchase breakfast club/after school care	9/30/2021 10:10 AM
72	Term Time, 30 hours with flexibility eg 8am drop off, earlier collection	9/30/2021 9:52 AM
73	Feel that 30 hours per week over x4 days for 3 year old is alot	9/29/2021 7:19 PM
74	Full week at nursery including Friday morning	9/29/2021 6:59 PM

Q9 All of the factors below are important in ensuring our services provide high quality early learning and childcare. Using 1-9 where 1 is the most important, please rate the following in order of importance to you

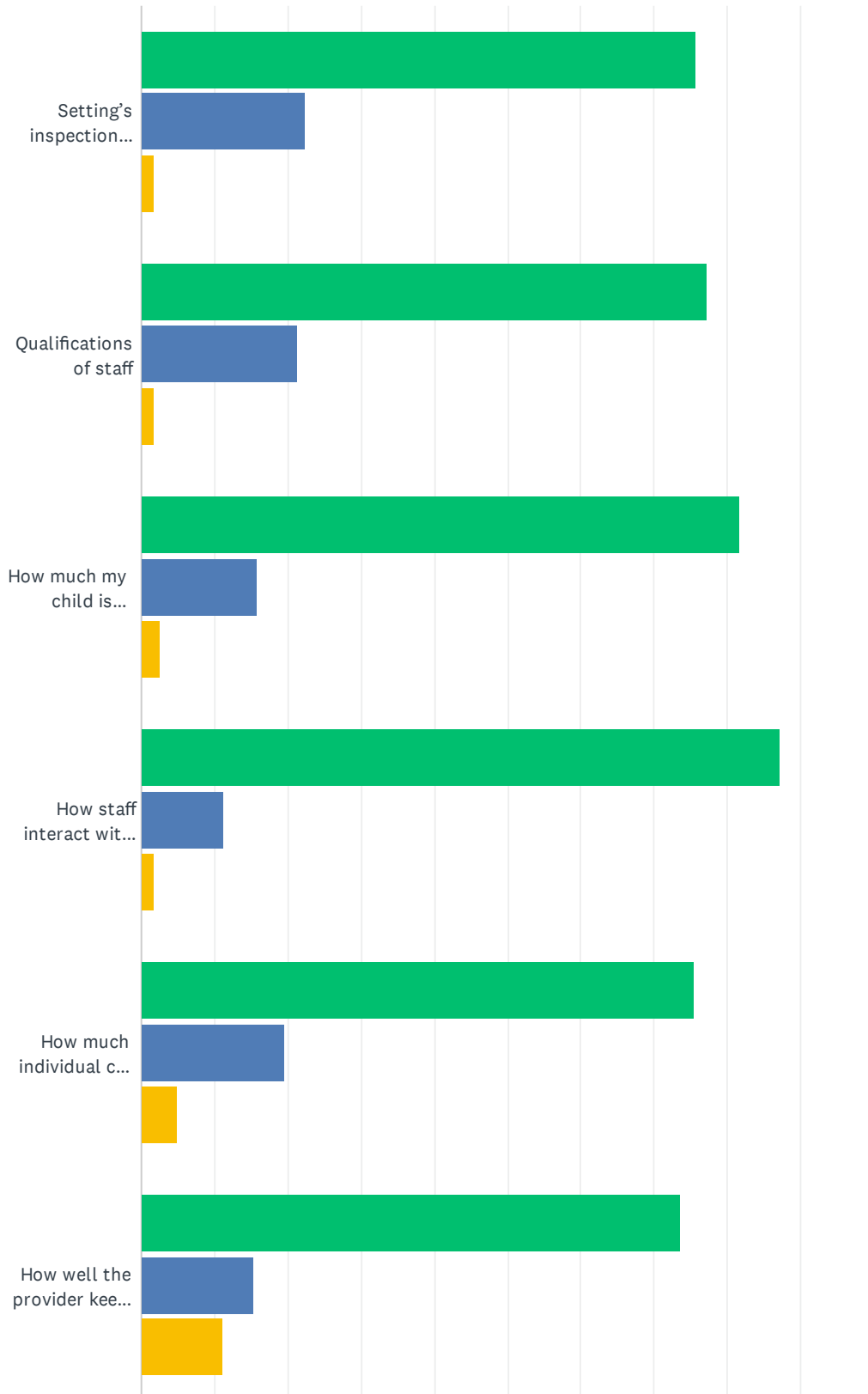
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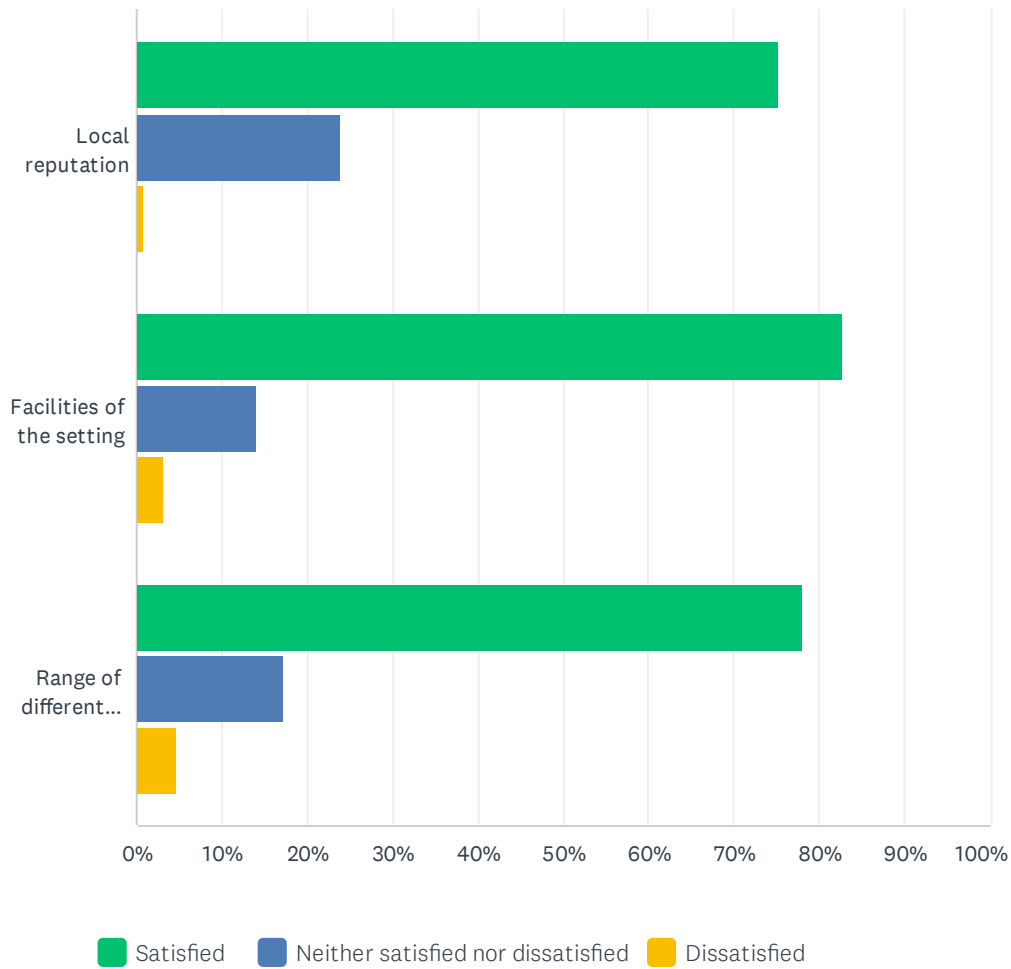


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL	SCORE
Setting's inspection reports	10.71% 78	5.63% 41	6.18% 45	7.69% 56	7.14% 52	11.13% 81	12.91% 94	20.47% 149	18.13% 132	728	4.09
Qualifications of staff	7.40% 54	9.59% 70	9.59% 70	9.73% 71	12.05% 88	10.96% 80	17.12% 125	13.56% 99	10.00% 73	730	4.61
How much my child is learning	14.56% 106	15.38% 112	17.86% 130	16.07% 117	12.23% 89	8.79% 64	6.59% 48	5.77% 42	2.75% 20	728	6.06
How staff interact with my child	41.79% 303	22.90% 166	14.34% 104	7.31% 53	5.79% 42	3.86% 28	1.24% 9	0.97% 7	1.79% 13	725	7.55
How much individual care and attention my child gets	14.31% 104	19.81% 144	15.82% 115	14.58% 106	11.83% 86	9.49% 69	6.19% 45	5.09% 37	2.89% 21	727	6.14
How well the provider keeps me informed and engaged.	1.62% 12	6.89% 51	9.59% 71	13.92% 103	18.38% 136	19.32% 143	15.00% 111	10.54% 78	4.73% 35	740	4.60
Local reputation	3.64% 27	3.78% 28	2.02% 15	3.24% 24	5.67% 42	7.02% 52	15.52% 115	19.30% 143	39.81% 295	741	2.78
Facilities of the setting	2.71% 20	6.78% 50	10.04% 74	12.35% 91	12.35% 91	15.88% 117	15.06% 111	15.74% 116	9.09% 67	737	4.34
Range of different experiences my child gets.	8.07% 62	12.11% 93	15.76% 121	14.97% 115	13.41% 103	11.46% 88	8.20% 63	7.03% 54	8.98% 69	768	5.30

Q10 How satisfied are you with your child's current setting in relation to each of the following?

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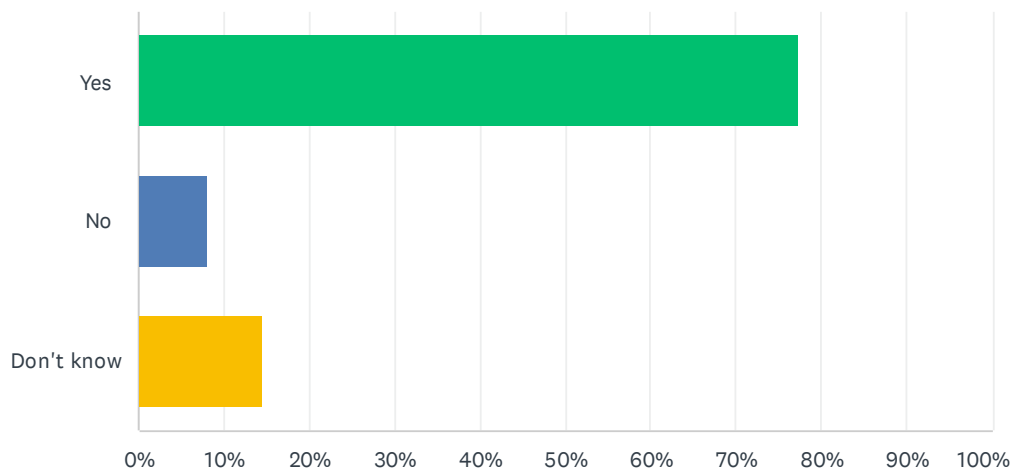




	SATISFIED	NEITHER SATISFIED NOR DISSATISFIED	DISSATISFIED	TOTAL
Setting's inspection reports	75.73% 593	22.48% 176	1.79% 14	783
Qualifications of staff	77.11% 603	21.23% 166	1.66% 13	782
How much my child is learning	81.66% 641	15.80% 124	2.55% 20	785
How staff interact with my child	87.13% 684	11.21% 88	1.66% 13	785
How much individual care and attention my child gets	75.48% 594	19.57% 154	4.96% 39	787
How well the provider keeps me informed and engaged	73.66% 579	15.27% 120	11.07% 87	786
Local reputation	75.19% 591	23.92% 188	0.89% 7	786
Facilities of the setting	82.82% 651	13.99% 110	3.18% 25	786
Range of different experiences my child gets	78.02% 614	17.28% 136	4.70% 37	787

Q11 Do you agree with the criteria for admissions?

Answered: 775 Skipped: 18



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	77.42% 600
No	8.13% 63
Don't know	14.45% 112
TOTAL	775

#	IF YOU ANSWERED NO (OR DON'T KNOW), WHAT DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE ADDED, CHANGED OR REMOVED?	DATE
1	Deferred entry should be less of a priority as that is parents' choice.	10/28/2021 4:25 PM
2	What about children whose parents are disabled? Never sure how this fits in. There may be cases where a parents disability or access needs need to be taken into account.	10/28/2021 10:22 AM
3	You need to tell us more info about how things work here either on phone or one to one sending loads of information via email doesn't help because many things are unclear which needs clarification	10/28/2021 9:19 AM
4	The dates don't work because my daughter is 3 in September yet come January there are no places in nursery because the school intake is august it doesn't make sense	10/25/2021 9:06 PM
5	4. Or a sibling attending attached school	10/25/2021 7:46 PM
6	Priority 5. Children resident in Edinburgh in their pre-school year in order of their birth date, oldest first. - younger children in this bracket will still be starting school at the same time so should not be disadvantaged by older peers obtaining a place first. Younger pupils in this group should have priority to enable them a chance to catch up with older peers prior to primary school commencing.	10/19/2021 2:15 PM
7	Children who have reached their 3rd birthday and have a sibling at the school where the school nursery is located should have greater weighting than they currently do. It is very disappointing they may only get their pre school year at the school nursery - and that is currently only if they are lucky! The system needs sorted, it's broken.	10/17/2021 11:44 AM
8	Not sure that children deferred should be so much more entitled as those who are assessed to be requiring input. Many deferred kids could be given extra opportunities by the family's own means.	10/16/2021 2:27 PM

9	Feel it's unfair you have to be 3 to start nursery. Unfair for children that are younger starting school, have less time in nursery before going to school. Also people using local authority nursery who are outwith catchment area.	10/15/2021 4:24 PM
10	Catchment area should be added. It's a joke how they need to attend that school but can't attend the nursery. On top of that says they are entitled when they are 3, but you can't even make that criteria as children are missing half a year or year of their education.	10/15/2021 3:20 PM
11	I think priority 4 & 5 are in the wrong order. It is unfair that children in their pre-school year are not getting a space ahead of a child who has newly turned three, just because they have a sibling in the school.	10/15/2021 1:47 PM
12	Catchment most important	10/14/2021 4:08 PM
13	As someone on a low income and with support from UC nobody seemed to know if I was eligible for a place. It was up in the air for a long while. Seems very clear on tax credits.	10/14/2021 11:26 AM
14	The criteria sound sensible, but the sheer number of children deferring entry to P1 means there are no places at my local school nursery.	10/14/2021 6:10 AM
15	More up front information that these criteria apply and what they are so that parents are better able to make alternative arrangements/decisions about second or third places in advance. Where a child is placed has many consequences on work patterns/commuting that need planned.	10/13/2021 10:04 AM
16	School catchment eligibility should be weighted in with other factors	10/12/2021 10:54 PM
17	Pre school children should have a 5 day a week placement	10/12/2021 2:13 PM
18	I can't get a space in local nursery because we moved after the start of the academic year	10/12/2021 10:44 AM
19	Definitely catchment and priority If other siblings are there already.	10/12/2021 10:30 AM
20	I believe all eligible children in Edinburgh need to have places in nurseries. The population is increasing with many new housing developments around the city, however, nursery places don't seem to increase at the same rate.	10/11/2021 9:28 PM
21	I don't feel that priority 8 should be there as it just allows people to use the nursery when they have no intention of transitioning to the school after nursery.	10/11/2021 8:26 PM
22	Priorities 1 and 2 given lower status.	10/11/2021 6:36 PM
23	I think children should get priority if they live in a catchment for the nursery over children who do not	10/11/2021 4:24 PM
24	I don't like how the term children who wouldn't reach their full potential are a higher priority. This is generally based on families who receive benefits (disability or low income) I feel due to us not falling into a financial bracket where we don't we not only had to wait till he was 3 as many children can be accepted from 2 if they fall into this category but he struggled and still does with his speech which nursery would have helped with - ie not reaching his full potential.	10/11/2021 3:55 PM
25	Children who's parents can not work without access to childcare.	10/11/2021 3:40 PM
26	I think there should be sufficient capacity that access did not have to be so tightly prioritised.	10/11/2021 3:22 PM
27	Priority 3 should come after priority 7, if child doesnt meet criteria for having a need to stay on in nursery and its parents choice, that shouldnt be prioritised over other eligible children. Especially since there is a minimum 6 month grace period between turning school age and starting school.	10/11/2021 1:22 PM
28	I think working parents are always penalised and people who are not working on benefits for whatever reason get more assistance and childcare, making it very hard for this working to make ends meet. Fully appreciate vulnerable children need support but I think it needs to be evened out a little bit more.	10/11/2021 10:47 AM
29	Should be local admissions first based on which primary school they will attend	10/8/2021 4:54 PM
30	Believe that all children should be able to access local authority early learning from the age of 2.	10/8/2021 11:22 AM
31	Age should always come before a sibling in the school. It's discrimination to people with one	10/7/2021 7:33 PM

	child, who can't have children. My son is bottom of the list and in his preschool year, and lots of children a school year younger (with 2 years ahead at nursery) have better hours. I am disabled and could only have one child, therefore I am being discriminated against as I will never have siblings at the school. Also I am in the Nether Currie catchment which doesn't have a nursery, so those children are being discriminated against, as younger children will get in before them	
32	Jan birth 3 years old April start	10/7/2021 7:26 PM
33	Remove deferral year from priority as this is mainly parent choice rather than need	10/7/2021 4:22 PM
34	Catchment	10/7/2021 3:48 PM
35	Children turning 3 should take precedence over those deferring	10/7/2021 1:29 PM
36	We live a mile from the border with edinburgh but are in wewest lothian. We are possibly closer than some edinburgh residents to the nursery but as location radius isnt taken into account just local authority we would be last on the priority list, could distnace to prefered nursery also be considered?	10/7/2021 1:05 PM
37	It is nearly impossible to financially afford for me as a Mum to go back to work full time. Suggesting: if you are a soletrader or have a full time job, you can apply to receive more funded hours.	10/7/2021 11:50 AM
38	Children who live out of catchment but who's parents are reliant on childcare in that area e.g. grandparents for pick up	10/7/2021 9:05 AM
39	Think you should get a place based on the school year. So my daughters turn/turned 3 in October and December but have to wait until the January for a space whereas with school they will start in the August before they turn 5 so should LA nursery not operate the same.	10/6/2021 9:03 PM
40	Children entitled to the funded hours come their age should be priority	10/6/2021 3:27 PM
41	Priority for siblings attending attached primary school	10/6/2021 10:44 AM
42	I think some priority should be given to working parents.	10/6/2021 8:29 AM
43	It's not really for me to say. Best left to those who know what they're talking about.	10/5/2021 9:24 PM
44	I don't feel I'm qualified or know enough abut the system to make an informed comment/assessment on this. I simply think any child who meets the criteria living within Edinburgh city should have access to funding, and not have it withdrawn or withheld because there are other children who are prioritised (eg DOB, month of birth, additional needs etc.)	10/5/2021 3:51 PM
45	My child is a February birthday and was offered a space at LA nursery at 3.5yrs, why should he be disadvantaged and be offered 6 months less of time at nursery due to his birthday. I feel this is discrimination.	10/5/2021 2:52 PM
46	Three years old often do not get a chance to get a space.	10/5/2021 2:18 PM
47	I don't have a good feeling about these priorities	10/5/2021 2:12 PM
48	Where possible, an individual approach to each application and the reasons for it.	10/5/2021 12:55 PM
49	it should relate to parental need and flexibility as well. As a single parent I really need to access hours that allow me to work in a setting close by and it's frustrating if individual family circumstances not taken into account	10/5/2021 12:22 PM
50	All children should be treated equally, especially on the residents and no residents.	10/4/2021 10:22 PM
51	I think all children should be eligible to start early learning at age 2 after there second birthday.	10/4/2021 9:34 PM
52	I would keep 1 and 2 but others should be equal opportunities no matter the circumstances. Don't agree with siblings and older first. In my opinion should be first come first get	10/4/2021 11:04 AM
53	I feel that children who have deferred should not be prioritised over children in their preschool year who have not deferred	10/3/2021 9:00 PM
54	My child will be leaving nursery in the summer so this doesn't affect me anymore.	10/3/2021 11:34 AM
55	I agree with them to a degree, but I think you need to look at the amount of 3 year olds who cannot get a place in a local authority nursery because of the changes to hours. Full time	10/2/2021 8:41 AM

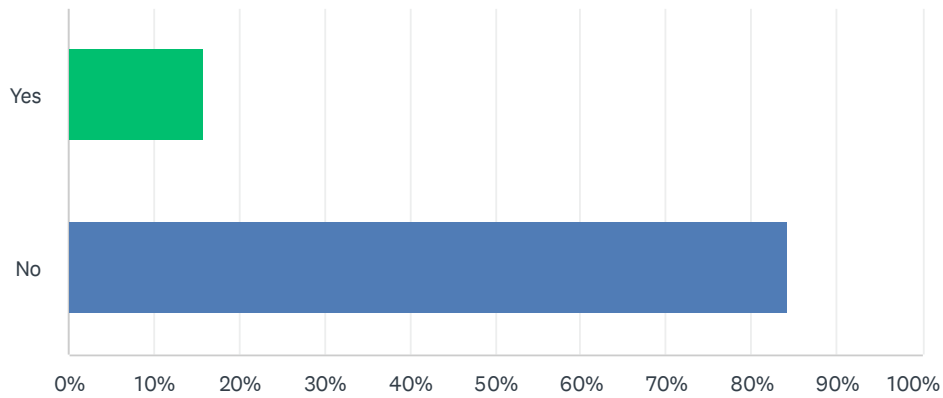
hours are needed by many parents which they are unable to access just now because 3 year olds are losing out to 4 years olds. I also think parents' work commitments should be taken into consideration. As a teacher who works Monday- Thursday, full time hours at a local authority nursery would be far more beneficial to me than 2 days in a private nursery. Should parents who work lose out to parents who don't simply because one child is older than the other?

56	Children whose parents are not on benefits and struggling with childcare.	10/1/2021 2:54 PM
57	Children who are eligible to go to school but who are deferred should not automatically get a place	10/1/2021 12:09 PM
58	More priority should be given to kids who's got both parents in full time employment.	10/1/2021 11:32 AM
59	It is not clear whether all of the priorities are subject to age criteria (eg oldest first). Also, residential proximity to the nursery/childcare setting should be taken into account to minimise disruption to families and enable greener commutes.	10/1/2021 10:15 AM
60	Priority 4 should be removed. This criteria really discriminates small families with one child only and makes it really difficult to them to access their local authority local nursery even when child is in his pre school year	10/1/2021 9:16 AM
61	Not really qualified to answer	9/30/2021 8:53 PM
62	I have a child with additional needs and he was let down by the nursery as they didn't have the staff. So I had to continue to pay a private nursery when he should have been in local authority	9/30/2021 6:26 PM
63	Priority for working parents	9/30/2021 4:54 PM
64	Children should be free to go to school irrespective of these criterias.	9/30/2021 4:31 PM
65	It seems a shame that there are 4 priority groups before a child who becomes of nursery eligibility age gets considered for a place. I never knew it operated like this at all. I have concerns with my daughter's application now for January 2022.	9/30/2021 3:44 PM
66	i dont necessarily think that it should be oldest first first for allocation of term time school hours places. whether they have sibling at the setting should be priority over DOB for school hours places.	9/30/2021 1:38 PM
67	Some children who have deferred school may get extra time at nursery and deny a newly turned 3 year old a place	9/30/2021 12:45 PM
68	Children who have been granted deferred entry to Primary School should have the same priority as children in their pre-school year.	9/30/2021 12:41 PM
69	Eligible 2s should be offered to everyone	9/30/2021 12:10 PM
70	I don't necessarily think a child should if deferred (3) or retained (2) should attend the same centre. Sometimes a new setting and new staff can be more beneficial.	9/30/2021 12:03 PM
71	I'm unclear why children with deferred entry to primary school get higher priority - as they could be in school I'm not sure why they need a nursery place. I also think it's unfair that children whose birthdays are later in the year (especially Jan and Feb) potentially get less time in nursery e.g. children who turn three in March have the potential to get two full funded years before they start school, whereas those born in Jan or Feb potentially only get one year (if no spaces become available until the start of the next school year in August).	9/30/2021 11:05 AM
72	I do not disagree with the order of priority however I do feel that parents who are working and are relying on the nursery place to support childcare should be given priority on the days/hours that would suit them best.	9/30/2021 9:52 AM
73	More clear communication around admissions. To be let known sooner whether your child has a place. You can have your name down but not know whether they will actually get the days you need until quite close to the time	9/30/2021 9:08 AM
74	I think like primary school there should be a priority given to children living within the catchment area of the local authority nursery.	9/30/2021 8:58 AM
75	I don't think this has been followed in our case sadly	9/30/2021 12:50 AM
76	Not interested	9/29/2021 8:05 PM

77	Age should be the 1st factor.	9/29/2021 6:59 PM
78	Don't understand the question.	9/29/2021 6:11 PM
79	I think it is important to consider parents work (e.g key workers)	9/29/2021 5:17 PM
80	Should be based on location as it so for primary school	9/29/2021 4:26 PM

Q12 Does your child have a January/February birthday?

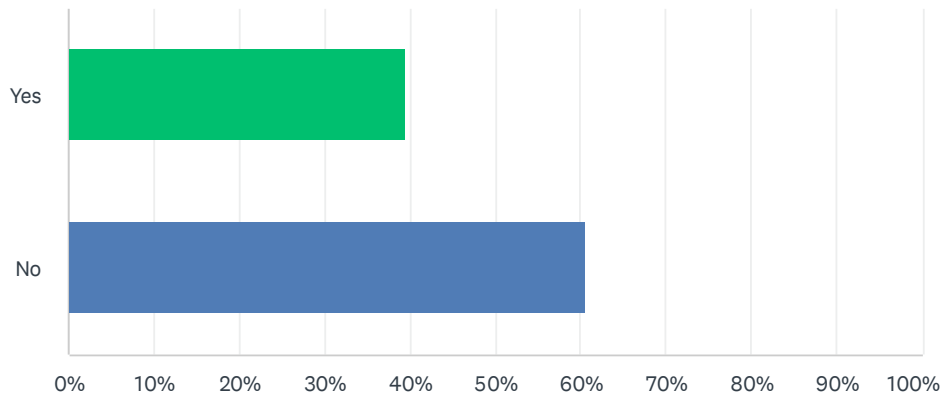
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	15.83%	123
No	84.17%	654
TOTAL		777

Q13 Does your child have an August - December birthday?

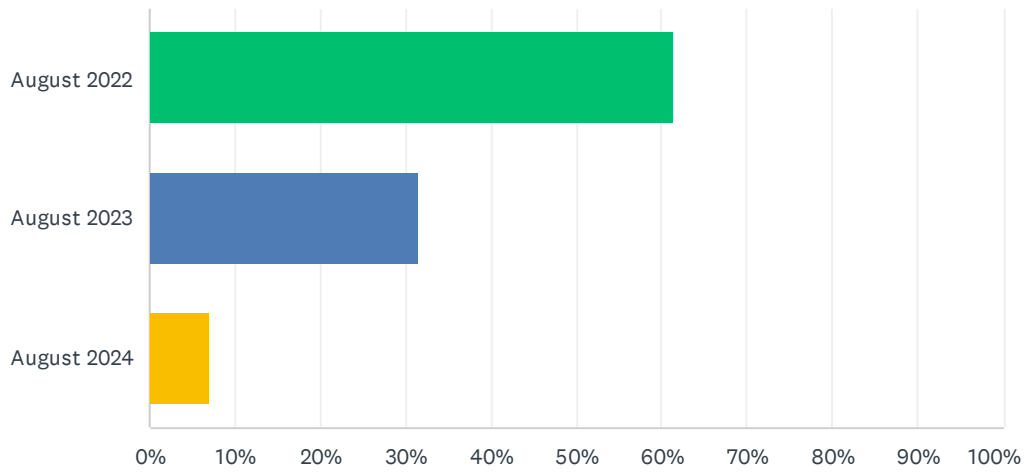
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	39.44% 295
No	60.56% 453
TOTAL	748

Q14 When is your child eligible to start primary school?

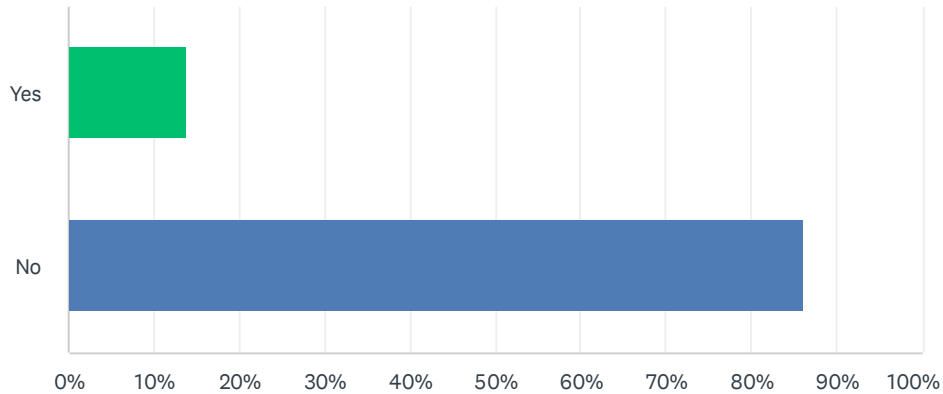
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
August 2022	61.42% 476
August 2023	31.48% 244
August 2024	7.10% 55
TOTAL	775

Q15 Do you plan to apply for a deferred year i.e. an additional year at nursery?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	13.84%	106
No	86.16%	660
TOTAL		766

#	PLEASE SAY YOUR REASON FOR YOUR ANSWER.	DATE
1	We think he will be too young to stay school in August 2023 when he is only 4	11/1/2021 7:23 PM
2	Developmental delays	10/29/2021 5:04 PM
3	At the moment no, may change mind. I grew up in England so she would already start a year later here than there which I think is great. If she may need to start a year later still, we can look at that then.	10/28/2021 10:22 AM
4	She already spent 2 years in nursery she needs to go in P1 in august 2022,	10/28/2021 9:19 AM
5	We are not sure yet, but in general believe in a later start of primary would suit our twins better	10/27/2021 12:48 PM
6	Happy with the progress child is doing and grooming done by staff	10/26/2021 4:41 PM
7	Studies show this ensures a better learning experience	10/25/2021 9:45 PM
8	I feel it would hold him back if I kept him deferred.	10/25/2021 9:43 PM
9	Because, if anything, I'd like her to be able to start earlier. Why is there never any provision for kids who find academic work easy and would benefit from being challenged and work to their potential? It's a massive shame that they're just kept treading water, going over things they already know. I feel totally lost and unsupported with this.	10/25/2021 4:29 PM
10	Adaptation to school approach	10/25/2021 3:08 PM
11	She has a March birthday so I think will already be one of the older ones	10/25/2021 10:09 AM
12	My child is doing her school year of nursery with her childminder	10/21/2021 2:03 PM
13	I feel my child is ready for school. I personally don't feel the need to defer. Someone has to be the youngest.	10/20/2021 9:10 PM
14	I don't believe Nursery would be enough for him at this stage.	10/19/2021 2:15 PM

15	Not required	10/18/2021 12:25 PM
16	Children do better when they are not the youngest in their class.	10/17/2021 1:13 PM
17	It's better for all children to have longer in nursery settings. School at 4/5 years is too young for most kids. It is moving in the right direction by allowing deferrals as standard.	10/17/2021 11:44 AM
18	He will be ready to start school	10/16/2021 2:27 PM
19	She needs to go to school 5 days a week to build a regular routine. My child goes two days a week that makes it difficult for my child , two days are hardest for my child	10/15/2021 11:38 PM
20	My child is ready for school and wants to start in August	10/15/2021 8:07 PM
21	I am undecided on this, but I am considering applying for a deferred year as not sure he is ready.	10/15/2021 4:24 PM
22	My daughter is not five until December 2022 and we don't feel she will be emotionally ready to start school next year.	10/15/2021 1:47 PM
23	I am hopeful that my daughter will be qualified to start primary school once she clocks 5 years in 2023	10/14/2021 6:35 PM
24	Harper is a bright girl and I don't feel she needs to be deferred	10/14/2021 5:01 PM
25	Child's Birthday is in October and will be completing 5 years only in October 2022	10/14/2021 11:35 AM
26	I don't really understand why I would do this	10/14/2021 11:26 AM
27	I think she will be ready to move on	10/14/2021 6:10 AM
28	I am satisfied with my child development and I think that she is ready to start her school in August	10/13/2021 6:52 PM
29	I'm not sure yet.	10/13/2021 9:17 AM
30	She has a March birthday, I have no doubt she'll be ready for school at 5	10/12/2021 10:54 PM
31	My daughter was meant to start primary 1 in 2021 but we deferred and were accepted.	10/12/2021 9:57 PM
32	Our son was due to start Primary 1 in August 2021 but we deferred his placement due to additional support for learnin requirements. We also had to apply for an additional year of funded early years learning which was a daunting process and wait. This being automatic will make such a difference to parents already navigating difficult times regarding their childs future.	10/12/2021 8:48 PM
33	The reason for applying for an additional year at the nursery is because he needs to learn better English language,get used to socialise with group and accommodate with the new home.	10/12/2021 7:18 PM
34	Ready for school	10/12/2021 4:23 PM
35	Child's education level is ready for school	10/12/2021 4:04 PM
36	Unless my child needs the additional year	10/12/2021 1:59 PM
37	Ready for school	10/12/2021 1:52 PM
38	Won't need another year!	10/12/2021 1:48 PM
39	developmental delay in speech and language skills	10/12/2021 1:36 PM
40	Child is bright and emotionally mature enough for school. Did defer her brother and can see the difference	10/12/2021 1:18 PM
41	He has been already given an additional year to repeat his nursery.	10/12/2021 12:49 PM
42	Possible yes depending on how she goes this year. 4 years is awfully early to be sitting in a class environment so we will make it dependent on her development	10/12/2021 12:32 PM
43	2 days is no good	10/12/2021 12:30 PM
44	My daughter is autistic and is a bit behind her peers. We feel that she will benefit from an extra year.	10/12/2021 11:35 AM

45	I would only if the nursery advised it was best.	10/12/2021 10:30 AM
46	Our son deferred this year, so will start in August 2022.	10/11/2021 10:43 PM
47	All ready had extra year	10/11/2021 9:47 PM
48	I wish to apply for my child to start primary school early, in 2022 rather than 2023.	10/11/2021 9:28 PM
49	I feel that my son at 4 and a half will not be fully mentally or emotionally ready for school i feel him being at nursery an extra year will be beneficial to him on a developmental level for learning	10/11/2021 9:18 PM
50	Because of covid but also because of my working hours/ my daughters needs	10/11/2021 9:17 PM
51	Not sure	10/11/2021 7:50 PM
52	She already had an extra year.	10/11/2021 7:29 PM
53	He is confident and keen to go to school	10/11/2021 7:24 PM
54	I prefer to get my daughter to school at her right age.	10/11/2021 6:24 PM
55	Already in a deferred year	10/11/2021 6:23 PM
56	I think my child will be ready for primary by August.	10/11/2021 6:07 PM
57	Emily is very clever she will not need an extra year in Nursey	10/11/2021 5:53 PM
58	Ready to start school	10/11/2021 5:30 PM
59	He is a June birthday so hopefully will be ready for school	10/11/2021 5:05 PM
60	I think that the spread of ages in a year group is getting quite extreme as parents try to get their child an advantage to their peers by starting them att school at a later age. I appreciate that their must be a broad range of abilities and readiness for school especially after the pandemic but this must make it difficult for teachers. Someone has to be the youngest in class and it seems crazy that it isn't just a rare exception that the age difference could be 18months.	10/11/2021 4:56 PM
61	She has already been in nursery for longer than I would have liked.	10/11/2021 4:42 PM
62	Not applicable for her birthday	10/11/2021 3:12 PM
63	Covid has taken so much from them socialising etc. They had never been to any kind of nursery until they were 3.5 years. But also all the evidence - both from friends and academic - suggests to me it is the best thing for my twins.	10/11/2021 3:01 PM
64	Would rather child started school as soon as eligible	10/11/2021 2:54 PM
65	I feel my son is confident and ready to attend primary school.	10/11/2021 2:42 PM
66	Deferred last year as February birth so will go to school at 5	10/11/2021 2:40 PM
67	I don't know yet, I will be guided by her nursery teachers	10/11/2021 1:57 PM
68	My child will be 5 years 1 month which I feel is an adequate age to start school and is 1 year later than in England.	10/11/2021 1:22 PM
69	Hs already deferred from eligible start of 2021	10/11/2021 12:44 PM
70	I don't know that I have to	10/11/2021 11:01 AM
71	No reason too, she's doing well so unless the nursery feel she is not ready for school there is no reason to keep her behind.	10/11/2021 10:47 AM
72	Seems appropriate for his size	10/10/2021 6:26 PM
73	Child awaiting Additional Support for Learning services due to global developmental delays	10/10/2021 12:10 PM
74	Too young to start next summer	10/9/2021 12:44 PM
75	My son has autism and an additional year would benefit him massively	10/8/2021 9:15 PM
76	Im actualky undecided but will discuss with nursery staff	10/8/2021 8:54 PM

77	Already deferred start from 2021	10/8/2021 7:51 PM
78	We feel she is more than ready to start primary school and it would be detrimental to her to hold her back another year.	10/8/2021 5:35 PM
79	4 is too young emotionally	10/8/2021 4:54 PM
80	Would like her to start in 2023 I feel 4 is to young and an extra year at nursery will be for the best.	10/8/2021 3:03 PM
81	We feel our child will be ready for school.	10/8/2021 12:42 PM
82	Son is ready for school	10/8/2021 11:51 AM
83	I believe my child will be ready to start primary school when he is five. I know he would like to move up with the group of children he sees as his friends and peers. Personally I believe that the longer children can spend in nursery is better for their all round development.	10/8/2021 11:38 AM
84	Not required	10/8/2021 11:22 AM
85	Because I went forward my child.	10/8/2021 10:00 AM
86	Don't know how it works. I'll speak with the teacher about it	10/8/2021 9:57 AM
87	I'm not sure if I will/not apply for a deferred year at nursery	10/8/2021 9:33 AM
88	She thinks nursery is boring and wants to start school	10/8/2021 8:10 AM
89	We applied for a deferred place already and it was approved for 2022 entry to P1.	10/8/2021 12:42 AM
90	He is ready to go to primary school in 2022 and is meeting the right milestones	10/7/2021 8:31 PM
91	NA	10/7/2021 8:19 PM
92	My son has an autism	10/7/2021 8:14 PM
93	Think she will be ready	10/7/2021 7:40 PM
94	I want him to be in school with people born the same year, there will be too big an age gap otherwise	10/7/2021 7:33 PM
95	Missed 8 months of nursery due to COVID	10/7/2021 7:26 PM
96	We believe he is ready to start school. He is very interested in what his brother is learning (2 years older) so I think he'll be ready in 2023	10/7/2021 6:59 PM
97	He is unlikely to be ready, at 4-and-a-half, to start school next year	10/7/2021 5:16 PM
98	Birthday April - he will be 5.	10/7/2021 5:16 PM
99	Currently my child has just started nursery and is quite mature and I have no current concerns he won't be ready	10/7/2021 3:48 PM
100	Won't need it	10/7/2021 1:27 PM
101	Don't feel it is appropriate.	10/7/2021 1:25 PM
102	child seems developmentally ready for school next Aug	10/7/2021 1:05 PM
103	He will be 5.5 already upon starting school	10/7/2021 12:44 PM
104	I have 3 children. 1 started school this year, she has a Jan Birthday and we deferred her. The other 2 are May and September, therefore we will not have to make these choices.	10/7/2021 11:50 AM
105	I feel my child is quite advanced and would not benefit from being held back	10/7/2021 10:44 AM
106	Not ready	10/7/2021 10:39 AM
107	I will speak with teachers to advace me about it	10/7/2021 4:38 AM
108	No reason to defer at the moment	10/6/2021 10:06 PM
109	currently my boy has only been in nursery for a month and is 3 so it is hard to tell. He is a Spring birthday so hopefully will feel ready by the time he is 5.	10/6/2021 9:21 PM

110	I believe you should go to school in line with the year you are born. My older at daughter was born December 2017 and will start school August 2022. Should she have been born January 2018 I would have deferred to August 2023.	10/6/2021 9:03 PM
111	Our child is in a multilingual house and as a result is quite a bit behind her local peers in most aspects. We feel that deferring for a year would be of great benefit to her	10/6/2021 7:10 PM
112	I think 4.5 is too early for school especially a boy	10/6/2021 5:59 PM
113	My son is ready for school	10/6/2021 5:40 PM
114	Not eligible	10/6/2021 4:10 PM
115	I want him to be emotionally & socially ready, he missed a year of playgroup so would rather defer him to make up for lost time.	10/6/2021 2:56 PM
116	Will be 5 at school start	10/6/2021 11:25 AM
117	I feel my child would be ready for school	10/6/2021 10:44 AM
118	He will be 5	10/6/2021 10:38 AM
119	He will be 5	10/6/2021 9:01 AM
120	We have deferred it our boy already, he could start school in August 21	10/5/2021 11:18 PM
121	Don't think they would be eligible due to birthday and don't think it's necessary	10/5/2021 9:21 PM
122	Because of the very poor socialisation and need to improve it. She just started nursery in this year when she was already 4 years old and 3 months old.	10/5/2021 9:12 PM
123	Play is very important at this age. I think my daughter would cope academically with primary 1, but not emotionally. She is also physically small. Thinking ahead, I think she may find it difficult starting secondary school aged 11.5 as she may still be small for her age, and possibly not emotionally ready.	10/5/2021 8:50 PM
124	My daughter will be 5 and half in August 2022	10/5/2021 8:24 PM
125	Premature twins	10/5/2021 6:32 PM
126	January birthday	10/5/2021 5:13 PM
127	She was eligible to start this year but we applied for a deferred year so she can start in 2022	10/5/2021 4:59 PM
128	Too early for school for my child	10/5/2021 4:51 PM
129	Attending Steiner School and personal belief from watching younger child start at 4.5 that this was too young	10/5/2021 4:39 PM
130	Better for child to start later	10/5/2021 4:31 PM
131	Because I believe that my child needs more time for free play, outdoor activity and socialisation rather than formal learning. The starting school age is too young in this country. We held our older children back until the summer after their 5th birthdays and it has done them all good. We would have kept them out of formal school for another year if it had been an option.	10/5/2021 4:28 PM
132	Not 100% on this - but my child is showing some learning difficulties	10/5/2021 4:15 PM
133	We already deferred our child, from Aug 2021, to Aug 2022.	10/5/2021 3:51 PM
134	My child is very confident and I know he'll be ready to start school at at just 4.5	10/5/2021 3:33 PM
135	Feel she is old enough and will be fine at school as she will be nearly 5	10/5/2021 3:14 PM
136	Would like our child to have more than 12 months at nursery	10/5/2021 2:52 PM
137	I do not know yet. My daughter only started preschool it's a short time until August'22. Will have to see if she's ready nearer the time.	10/5/2021 2:18 PM
138	I'd rather have our child start earlier than later	10/5/2021 2:12 PM
139	Not required	10/5/2021 12:55 PM

140	Prefer school hours instead just 2 days a week	10/5/2021 12:47 PM
141	I feel they are ready to start school	10/5/2021 12:46 PM
142	Because he was already deferred without my agreement!! As he is an April month!	10/5/2021 12:21 PM
143	Children seem to be doing well anyway and private nursery is expensive	10/4/2021 10:43 PM
144	we think them is ready for the primary school	10/4/2021 10:22 PM
145	Child will be 5 1/2 by August 2023	10/4/2021 9:53 PM
146	My child is already deferred in nursery	10/4/2021 9:36 PM
147	Child will be 5.5 years so too old for nursery	10/4/2021 8:56 PM
148	He is progressing well and moreover having two kids in two different school is a strain. I cannot wait for him to join his sibling in the primary	10/4/2021 8:56 PM
149	Think she will be academically ready for school despite December birthday. Will review with nursery whether she is ready in terms of social skills but don't anticipate an issue. I am more concerned that allowing automatic deferral will mean there are children over a year older than her and it's this rather than how ready she is as an individual that concerns me about starting school at 4.5yrs old.	10/4/2021 7:59 PM
150	Not needed	10/4/2021 7:42 PM
151	I don't think it will be necessary at this stage	10/4/2021 7:35 PM
152	Unnecessary	10/4/2021 6:45 PM
153	4 years old is too young to start formal education, 17 years old is too young to leave formal education for university	10/4/2021 6:05 PM
154	Will be ready to start school	10/4/2021 5:47 PM
155	We have moved here from England. My daughter has a March birthday and would start school in England in August 2022 so we worry that she is starting late and would not want to defer further	10/4/2021 4:55 PM
156	Did not realise this was an option	10/4/2021 4:54 PM
157	A combination of the impact of Covid and giving him extra time to develop his confidence	10/4/2021 4:16 PM
158	She is currently attending her deferred year. She could have started school in august this year if she had been ready to.	10/4/2021 2:46 PM
159	Not required	10/4/2021 2:15 PM
160	I have already deferred a year	10/4/2021 2:14 PM
161	Because she don't need it	10/4/2021 1:41 PM
162	I didn't know it was an option and their birthday is in august so I'm guessing she'll be ready for school. I wouldn't want her to be bored at nursery for a year.	10/4/2021 1:25 PM
163	I want my child to proceed to primary school when due as I do not have any reason to defer	10/4/2021 1:16 PM
164	I think an additional year at nursery will be a benefit to my child	10/4/2021 1:12 PM
165	She will be 5 and barring no more lockdowns she will have a full nursery experience	10/4/2021 1:00 PM
166	She is already age of 4 by November 7th 2021	10/4/2021 12:47 PM
167	His birthday is in April	10/4/2021 12:32 PM
168	Child very intelligent will need to move on for her own benefit	10/4/2021 12:17 PM
169	Speech and language delay	10/4/2021 11:52 AM
170	My daughter is progressing well and nursery and will be ready to start school next year.	10/4/2021 11:42 AM
171	I dont think he will need that	10/4/2021 11:04 AM

172	I applied for a deferred year for this year she now starts school next August	10/4/2021 10:59 AM
173	Currently unsure but basing it on current feeling of child's capabilities.	10/4/2021 10:27 AM
174	Happy with progress, I believe my child will be ready for school	10/4/2021 8:23 AM
175	We have already deferred.	10/3/2021 7:41 PM
176	My child seems emotionally and intellectually ready in my view.	10/3/2021 7:25 PM
177	My child is quite mature for her age and will be emotionally ready for P1	10/3/2021 6:15 PM
178	My child is ready to start school.	10/2/2021 10:00 PM
179	We have already deferred them (which was an extremely stressful experience)	10/2/2021 7:15 PM
180	We have already and she is in her deferral year	10/2/2021 5:38 PM
181	My child automatically deferred for the year 2021-2022	10/2/2021 4:56 PM
182	Early jan birthday & meeting development goals but would consider opinion of nursery on readiness closer to the time	10/2/2021 3:55 PM
183	I feel he would benefit from being older when he starts school, rather than being one of the youngest in his peer group	10/2/2021 1:16 PM
184	Wish for her to be more emotionally mature before school	10/2/2021 6:33 AM
185	We feel he will be ready for school	10/1/2021 11:41 PM
186	We are satisfied our daughter will be ready for school. We deferred our older daughter as she is a Feb birthday.	10/1/2021 10:11 PM
187	I believe that he has missed out due to covid restrictions and needs more time to play and socialise in nursery environment	10/1/2021 9:36 PM
188	My child was born Feb 2017 so could have started school in Aug 2021 but we chose to defer her	10/1/2021 9:18 PM
189	I feel confident that my child will grow and learn in the 2 years of nursery that he will be ready to start primary school when he should.	10/1/2021 8:43 PM
190	She is not eligible and do not think will be required	10/1/2021 8:35 PM
191	I'm not sure yet	10/1/2021 8:21 PM
192	Born in February - will be too little to keep up with classes	10/1/2021 8:15 PM
193	She will be 5 and I think ready by then	10/1/2021 7:58 PM
194	I believe that an additional pre school year will enable my children to be better prepared to start school. More importantly, I would prefer for him to be a little older when he makes important decisions in High school regarding exams and life choices.	10/1/2021 6:55 PM
195	She will be 5 when starting and more than ready for school	10/1/2021 6:33 PM
196	The extra year may benefit her gross motor skill development	10/1/2021 5:49 PM
197	I haven't make a decision yet	10/1/2021 5:33 PM
198	I think he'll be ready for school	10/1/2021 3:53 PM
199	We already deferred our son (dob 31/12/2016) last year	10/1/2021 3:49 PM
200	She has advanced communication and social skills and will start school at 5 years old	10/1/2021 2:25 PM
201	Daughter will be more than ready to start school.	10/1/2021 1:46 PM
202	She will get bored doing an extra year in pre school	10/1/2021 12:53 PM
203	I haven't decided yet.	10/1/2021 12:44 PM
204	Additional year for my child to gain social confidence skills, before starting school	10/1/2021 12:23 PM
205	My child does not need deferral	10/1/2021 12:09 PM

206	Too early to say	10/1/2021 11:30 AM
207	My child has a April birthday so this doesn't apply	10/1/2021 10:44 AM
208	Not sure at the moment	10/1/2021 10:31 AM
209	Children, boys in particular, are demonstrably served better by an extra year in early childcare.	10/1/2021 10:15 AM
210	I would rather she was the oldest in her year than the youngest	10/1/2021 9:53 AM
211	I would potentially apply for a deferred year for my daughter to start in August 2023 instead of August 2022 due to the disruption caused by the pandemic. However, as her birthday is the 28th July, I expect the council will not allow this with the cut off being an August to December birthday. There should be greater flexibility with the cut off date - it's unfair if my daughter were to miss out on the choice of another whole year of nursery due to her birthday being just a few days before the cut off for being eligible to defer (and for funding). As you have already allowed funded deferrals this year for children with August-December birthdays, who should normally have started P1 in August 2021, if my daughter does have to go to school in August 2022, then she will potentially be starting P1 with a cohort of children who are significantly older than her (i.e should effectively be in P2) which could be a huge disadvantage for her	10/1/2021 9:32 AM
212	I would like my child to be in school as his sibling	9/30/2021 11:12 PM
213	He is keen to learn and I feel will be ready for school next year	9/30/2021 11:02 PM
214	He will turn 5 and start school the same month which I think is the correct age	9/30/2021 10:33 PM
215	Well actually I have to ask nursery teachers, what she thinks. Is my child ready or not for school.	9/30/2021 10:06 PM
216	I think he will be ready for Primary by then.	9/30/2021 10:04 PM
217	Feb birthday - will be very young for school	9/30/2021 9:41 PM
218	Because my son will be at the right age for primary	9/30/2021 9:29 PM
219	No need	9/30/2021 8:53 PM
220	Feel my son is very bright socially and academically to be able to move age 4	9/30/2021 8:49 PM
221	My child will be ready to attend school.	9/30/2021 8:42 PM
222	Already receiving additional year at nursery due to deferral was due to start august 2021	9/30/2021 8:15 PM
223	Will be ready we think	9/30/2021 8:03 PM
224	March birthday so not eligible but would if I could. School age should be 7	9/30/2021 7:52 PM
225	No needed	9/30/2021 7:38 PM
226	With the high school leaving exams being taken so young in Scotland compared to other countries including England I would like my child to have an extra year to mature before undertaking such important exams. I would be unlikely to defer primary 1 entry if the high school exams were taken at a later age like in England	9/30/2021 7:29 PM
227	unsure	9/30/2021 7:28 PM
228	Not too sure	9/30/2021 6:14 PM
229	Already deferred my son for 2021	9/30/2021 5:58 PM
230	I have already deferred my child starting school.	9/30/2021 5:55 PM
231	2nd child-will most likely be ready	9/30/2021 5:54 PM
232	Possibly, Scandinavian schools support formal education later and we would like our children to enjoy her Early Years Experience and not be hurried into formal, even though play-based education.	9/30/2021 5:48 PM
233	I think she'll be socially, emotionally and physically ready for Primary School. Hopefully ready to learn (in a Primary setting) also.	9/30/2021 5:06 PM
234	I would like my child to start her primary school as soon as .	9/30/2021 5:05 PM

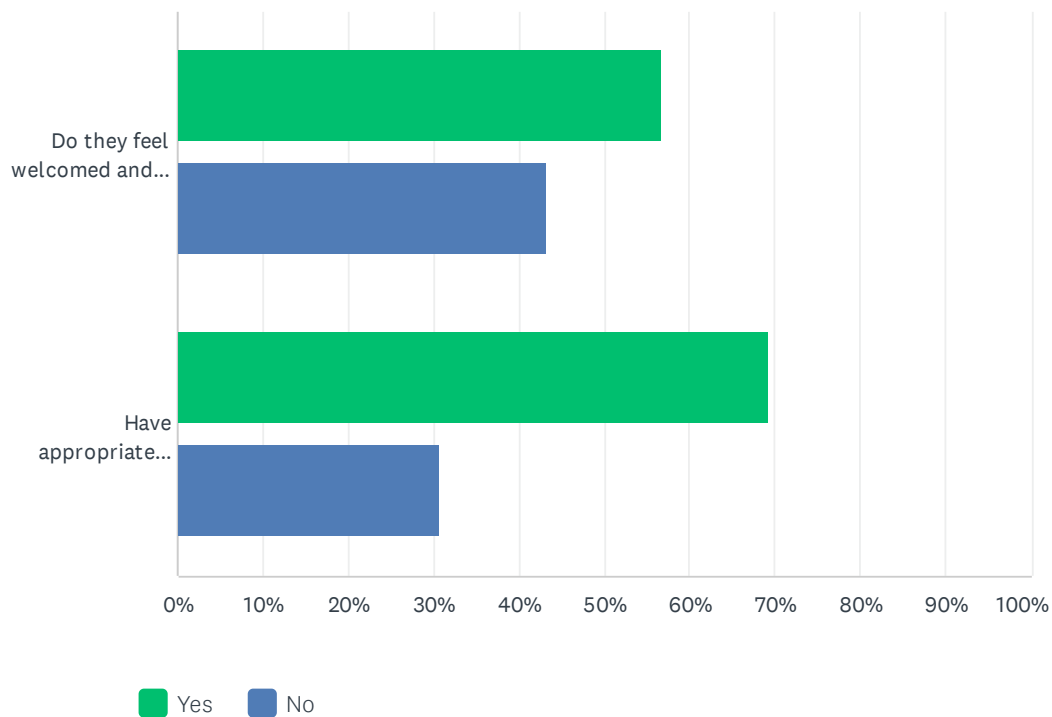
235	My child has been in a school setting since she was 2 years old. She is ready to star school	9/30/2021 4:31 PM
236	Ready for primary school	9/30/2021 3:58 PM
237	Unsure at present	9/30/2021 3:48 PM
238	I think my child wont have any problems starting primary 1, so far it seems like shes learning and developing well.	9/30/2021 3:47 PM
239	Possibly for twin that has down syndrome	9/30/2021 3:44 PM
240	I don't think I will defer his start, unless we feel it necessary at the time	9/30/2021 3:24 PM
241	At the moment we plan to encourage Sophie to start primary school next year as she is progressing well at nursery and think she will be ready	9/30/2021 3:24 PM
242	I'm open to it depending on my child's social skills and if I feel they are ready for school or not.	9/30/2021 3:21 PM
243	Unsure at the moment if yes or no	9/30/2021 3:15 PM
244	Speech n Language delay	9/30/2021 3:04 PM
245	unsure	9/30/2021 2:56 PM
246	He has already missed out on so much due to covid, he is very sociable and intelligent and I believe going to school will benefit him. Especially seeing that nursery can't provide him with a full time place. All he wants is to be around other kids his age, having fun and to learn new things.	9/30/2021 2:43 PM
247	I want her to start school as soon as possible	9/30/2021 2:41 PM
248	Not necessary	9/30/2021 2:28 PM
249	Deferred already	9/30/2021 2:26 PM
250	She seems ok with progress as is	9/30/2021 2:17 PM
251	I don't want him feeling uncomfortable as he will be one of the oldest in his class	9/30/2021 2:15 PM
252	No I wish my child to attend P1 with the peers he currently has.	9/30/2021 2:10 PM
253	Lots of evidence that being older in a class is better for children do better than being youngest; 4 is too young to start going to school and learn in a formalised setting; my son isn't ready	9/30/2021 2:09 PM
254	I feel my child will be ready to start school.	9/30/2021 1:40 PM
255	He is very keen to start school.	9/30/2021 1:36 PM
256	Child has additional needs	9/30/2021 1:34 PM
257	He is ready to be at school.	9/30/2021 1:31 PM
258	Child not ready to begin school.	9/30/2021 1:22 PM
259	He's June birthday and I think he will be ready for school	9/30/2021 1:18 PM
260	Yes due to Additional Support Needs and development delays (social and communication)	9/30/2021 1:02 PM
261	I am not sure. My son is currently being tested for autism, is still in nappies and I think he may struggle at school at this time. But things may change before hand	9/30/2021 12:58 PM
262	Nice age for school as birthday is in June.	9/30/2021 12:46 PM
263	My child will be 5 when p1 starts and based on her currently I do not believe a deferment will be needed,	9/30/2021 12:45 PM
264	Due to her age she will be five and a half which gives her a longer period in nursery for starting school.	9/30/2021 12:17 PM
265	already having a deferred year	9/30/2021 12:04 PM
266	Covid, emotional immaturity, has not had much socialisation and we all know boys develop socially at a slower rate than girls.	9/30/2021 12:03 PM

267	I also have twins who will be November babies, due to start Aug 2026 and I will consider deferral.	9/30/2021 11:42 AM
268	Because my child isn't at the age for school yet	9/30/2021 11:37 AM
269	I don't feel it will be nessessary	9/30/2021 11:29 AM
270	My child will be ready for school	9/30/2021 11:08 AM
271	I feel my child is capable of going into school and ready	9/30/2021 11:07 AM
272	I feel that my Daughter will be ready for school	9/30/2021 10:53 AM
273	I think so as he has an April birthday.	9/30/2021 10:47 AM
274	No as I feel he will be ready for school	9/30/2021 10:41 AM
275	I feel my daughter will be ready for school.	9/30/2021 10:25 AM
276	Her birthday is in March and she will already be 5.5 when starting	9/30/2021 10:21 AM
277	unsure	9/30/2021 10:11 AM
278	this question does not ask which child. I have one child who can be deferred, another that cannot.	9/30/2021 10:11 AM
279	Have deferred this year due to Covid and because we can. I feel we won't regret an extra year at nursery but may if we didn't.	9/30/2021 10:10 AM
280	Although this may changed if the teachers feel it is needed	9/30/2021 10:03 AM
281	I want my child to learn more	9/30/2021 9:54 AM
282	I think he will be academically ready to start school, especially if a play based/kindergarten approach is being followed in the school. The only concern will be going from a 2 day nursery place to a 5 day school place.	9/30/2021 9:52 AM
283	Delayed speech	9/30/2021 9:45 AM
284	I want him to start school with his friends	9/30/2021 9:38 AM
285	I'm not sure at this time. I would need guidance from nursery on whether this is appropriate for my child	9/30/2021 9:34 AM
286	My son was eligible to start In 2021 and I did defer him for 1 year so he will be 5.5 when starts school	9/30/2021 9:32 AM
287	Will be ready for school	9/30/2021 9:32 AM
288	It's not necessary to defer	9/30/2021 9:21 AM
289	I would like to as he's a December birthday	9/30/2021 9:19 AM
290	My child is on the ASD diagnosis pathway, has sensory processing disorder and social communication challenges	9/30/2021 9:08 AM
291	Myself and my partner were educated in England and went to school at 4 and see no issues with this.	9/30/2021 8:54 AM
292	Don't know.	9/30/2021 7:51 AM
293	I've said no but I am undecided and will discuss further with nursery. I am concerned my daughter will be in a year group with children that will be turning 6 and she will only be 4.	9/30/2021 6:28 AM
294	Possibly due to not having had enough time in a nursery setting as we had a delayed start and unable to get into catchment nursery	9/30/2021 12:50 AM
295	He was eligible for 2021 and has deferred to 2022	9/29/2021 10:57 PM
296	July birthday so not required	9/29/2021 9:32 PM
297	Not eligible and don't think my child needs to	9/29/2021 9:03 PM
298	Feel 4 is very young to start school	9/29/2021 8:37 PM

299	Already deferred from last year (could have started in 2021)	9/29/2021 8:34 PM
300	Unsure, will depend on development over next year	9/29/2021 8:09 PM
301	He will be 5 in July and I think will be ready. I'd consider deferring if he had a birthday later in year, depending on his needs.	9/29/2021 7:40 PM
302	Feel confident my child will be developmentally ready to start school	9/29/2021 7:19 PM
303	No need to defer	9/29/2021 6:59 PM
304	My child has already started her deferred entry as she was supposed to go to school August 2021 but kept back a year cause of toileting problems and also cause of covid not had much learning.	9/29/2021 6:11 PM
305	Older to start school in hope that this will help his learning in a school environment	9/29/2021 5:39 PM
306	At this moment in time my child is meeting her milestones.	9/29/2021 5:25 PM
307	Longer for him to learn through play and build confidence	9/29/2021 5:17 PM
308	He will be almost 5 when starting school	9/29/2021 5:07 PM
309	June birthday, my child will be 5 when starting school	9/29/2021 4:49 PM
310	Depends on development, will only defer if there are any development problems	9/29/2021 4:39 PM
311	My child will not be 4 and a half	9/29/2021 3:52 PM

Q16 If you have a child with additional support needs:

Answered: 215 Skipped: 578



	YES	NO	TOTAL
Do they feel welcomed and included in the Early Learning and Childcare setting?	56.67% 119	43.33% 91	210
Have appropriate supports been put in place for your child?	69.28% 115	30.72% 51	166

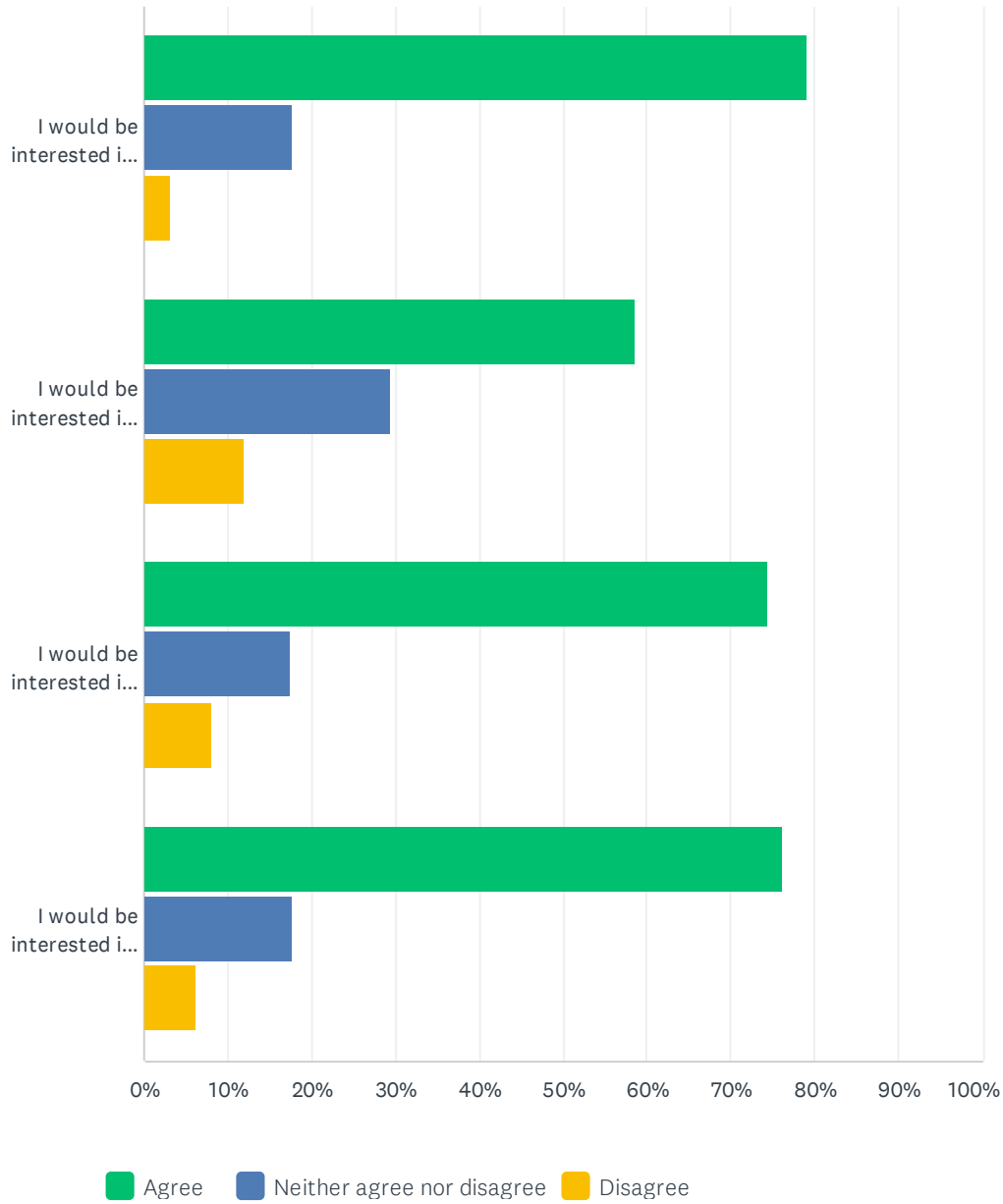
#	PLEASE ADD ANY COMMENTS:	DATE
1	N/A	10/26/2021 4:41 PM
2	No	10/14/2021 6:45 PM
3	It is quite difficult to ascertain this second part as parents are not allowed entrance into the nursery so the supports available are not known	10/14/2021 6:35 PM
4	N/A	10/14/2021 11:26 AM
5	N/A	10/12/2021 9:57 PM
6	We have a wonderfully supportive team working with our son in the Nursery daily and regular meetings with input from Early Years Team within the Nursery and school, Speech and Language and Additional Support for Learning (Early Years)	10/12/2021 8:48 PM
7	Nivin needs an adult support, i dont know how far he has been supported	10/12/2021 12:49 PM
8	We haven't had any information about her progress or about what care or support she receives, so I can't honestly answer this.	10/12/2021 11:35 AM
9	Will need 1to1 for school	10/11/2021 9:47 PM
10	Speech delay Khadija is very helpful with my daughter	10/11/2021 7:50 PM

11	The nursery have gone above and beyond. They are so supportive and have provided excellent help, support and advice.	10/11/2021 4:49 PM
12	N/A	10/11/2021 3:01 PM
13	N/A	10/11/2021 2:42 PM
14	Awaiting outcome of assessment/application	10/10/2021 12:10 PM
15	Because my child is active.	10/8/2021 10:00 AM
16	No additional support needs	10/7/2021 8:31 PM
17	Diets allergy's and skin care	10/7/2021 4:52 PM
18	Ignore answer, No button above clicked accidentally.	10/7/2021 1:25 PM
19	The staff have gone above and beyond to help my son	10/7/2021 12:54 PM
20	We do not have any additional support needs, but I know families who do, and have heard of their extra struggles in confirming assistance in Nursery or School.	10/7/2021 11:50 AM
21	Diabetes management	10/6/2021 3:43 PM
22	Sorry I marked this answer incorrectly and it would not let me unmark it	10/6/2021 2:27 PM
23	The nursery have been really engaged in helping our child develop his speech and language.	10/5/2021 9:24 PM
24	Na	10/5/2021 4:51 PM
25	Teachers have communicated well with myself to figure what works best for my child	10/5/2021 4:15 PM
26	To say the entire experience has been stressful is a massive understatement.	10/5/2021 3:51 PM
27	City nursery have went above and beyond to support our son With autism	10/5/2021 12:49 PM
28	N/A	10/4/2021 7:59 PM
29	Dairy allergy	10/4/2021 4:55 PM
30	N/a	10/4/2021 12:17 PM
31	Na	10/3/2021 3:12 PM
32	Not applicable	10/3/2021 11:34 AM
33	Very little feedback from nursery team so hard to know.	10/2/2021 11:19 AM
34	Brilliant excellent setting. My 5 year old has moved onto p1 after being in this nursery for 2 years! Love it	9/30/2021 8:53 PM
35	Can't comment as little engagement	9/30/2021 7:35 PM
36	Currently there is PSA for my child.	9/30/2021 3:04 PM
37	Teachers are very friendly and my baby enjoys going to nursery.	9/30/2021 2:15 PM
38	We have received intensive support for our son with regular reviews and changes where appropriate. We are very pleased with the care he receives.	9/30/2021 2:10 PM
39	Very happy with care	9/30/2021 1:34 PM
40	Local authority nursery has been so much better in this regard compared to the private nursery we were previously at. This is in spite of the private nursery having a better care inspectorate rating.	9/30/2021 1:02 PM
41	The staff and nursery have went above and beyond to help me and my son! I honestly would be lost without their help	9/30/2021 12:58 PM
42	N/A	9/30/2021 12:03 PM
43	n/a	9/30/2021 11:42 AM
44	Very good supports are in place now but initially his needs were not recognised or understood	9/30/2021 9:08 AM

45	N/a	9/29/2021 7:19 PM
46	My child has no additional support needs.	9/29/2021 6:11 PM

Q17 We would like to use your feedback to provide additional training for early years staff, please could you provide feedback on the following.

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	AGREE	NEITHER AGREE NOR DISAGREE	DISAGREE	TOTAL
I would be interested in finding out more about engaging in my children's learning e.g. linking learning from home to early years setting and vice versa.	79.08% 616	17.72% 138	3.21% 25	779
I would be interested in finding out more about how to be involved in the early years setting e.g. volunteering, aims of setting, parent groups to support setting.	58.58% 454	29.42% 228	12.00% 93	775
I would be interested in finding out more about family learning e.g. how I can improve my own and my families skills to help my child.	74.45% 574	17.51% 135	8.04% 62	771
I would be interested in finding out more about learning at home e.g. how everyday experiences support my child learning.	76.20% 589	17.72% 137	6.08% 47	773

Q18 Please use this space to add additional comment on what would be helpful to you as a parent/carer.

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Something that is really lacking is inclusion of disabled parents. Coming from the third/ university sector, it has been quite shocking to me how there has been absolutely no questions asked about parental disability or access needs at any point in the process of application, nursery settling, or this form, yet we face quite real and significant barriers in accessing education for our daughter. It's like it's mind blowing to education providers that disabled people can become parents. And I don't just mean disabled as in wheelchair users- my partner is autistic and has adhd, I have cfs/me and a joint condition, we both have depression and anxiety, and mobility issues. We are also unpaid Carers. I would encourage you to set up a disabled parents working group/ task force type thing to actually ensure that you are inclusive to the needs of disabled people who become parents. Thank you	10/28/2021 10:22 AM
2	Staff at nursery doesn't give proper information about my child's eating at nursery all days she came home starving , if she doesn't like to eat anything at nursery they should allow us to send home lunches for my child , my child is getting worse day by day she eat absolutely nothing at nursery , and she is super annoyed by this 2 full days only routine, it should be for 5 days a week even less hours that way are fine or atleast 4 days a week. Because this 2 days routine is creating problems in terms of balanced routine	10/28/2021 9:19 AM
3	Hours that better suit my preferred working hours would be of most help. 2 x 10 hour days and occasional Fridays are not great my ideal 8am - 2pm over 5 days plus suit better	10/27/2021 2:17 PM
4	I would say that the only true improvement needed is for the school meals provided. They lack nutrients and are heavily processed and this doesn't help children's development	10/27/2021 12:48 PM
5	N/A	10/26/2021 4:41 PM
6	What support is in place for parents that have difficult times with their kids I.E not coping with the behaviour of said child	10/25/2021 9:43 PM
7	I know Covid has restricted a lot of things, but I feel in the dark about what's going on at my child's nursery. Occasional updates on the Learning Journal and the odd brief chat at the door but that's it. There's no information about what they're doing in class, whether they're working on numbers or letters or writing, whether they're working on special events or celebrations, anything like that. It's like I put her through a door in the morning and she comes back out in the afternoon and I just have to cross my fingers that everything is as it should be in between times. Everyone is friendly but there's a startling lack of information and communication about what's going on in general and how my kid is getting on specifically.	10/25/2021 4:29 PM
8	I dont have anything to add aileen is amazing with my daughter and she has come on leaps and bounds since starting, I couldn't fault aileen in anyway she is brilliant	10/21/2021 2:03 PM
9	The funded hours offered by our private nursery are really helpful in that our son can attend on a Monday and Tuesday 8-5 and a Friday morning from 8:15 until 1pm, or a Wednesday and Thursday 8-5 and a Friday afternoon. It was my understanding from when I spoke to staff at Nether Currie that there were to be longer days offered and a limited number of floating Fridays. Floating Fridays are difficult for working parents to make use of as childcare for the rest of the year will need to be sought but not many private providers will take a part time Friday arrangement. A consistent week-to-week model closer to that of the private nursery could be considered for when the nursery opens?	10/19/2021 2:15 PM
10	More interaction from staff to us as parebts. We are informed of very little especially at pick up times	10/18/2021 12:25 PM
11	More learning journal updates. My daughter joined in august and ive seen maybe 2 updates.	10/18/2021 5:56 AM
12	My child is struggling with adjusting this pathetic 2 days a week routine, for me its unfair for	10/15/2021 11:38 PM

the child because by going two days kids can be cranky and angry and those two days in a week is a real struggle for the parents because kids don't get the point of going to school for just two days, it should be 5 days a week for less time like 6 hours a day or 5 hours.

13	Understanding more about the learning they are doing in nursery and how we can facilitate that at home.	10/15/2021 8:07 PM
14	Feel detached from my sons experience in nursery due to not being able to go into nursery, and not being able to chat to staff at gates. Do get contact via newsletters and updates in learning journals, and have always spoke on phone if i had question's but day to day, it is not overly personal to my sons progress.	10/15/2021 4:24 PM
15	I feel it would be more beneficial for a child to have the hours spread out over the week rather than squeezing them into 2 10 hour days. There is then a full week between nursery which just isn't right! Also the teachers need to remain consistent every week there is a new face and actually don't know any teachers apart from one!	10/15/2021 4:03 PM
16	I could not be happier with the nursery. The process of applying is complicated. Lots of caveats. Even now applying for nursery at primary I am told it's more complicated because LO is in a 2s place.	10/14/2021 11:26 AM
17	I just need a linked up system so I can drop one child at school at another at nursery without them being at 2 different sides of the city! It's a nightmare. There's no places in nursery and no childminders available whatsoever. I'm happy to cycle somewhere but I have not been able to find my daughter a place anywhere.	10/14/2021 8:00 AM
18	The main thing that would help is to receive the full 30 hours a week to which we are entitled. Although her two older sisters are at the school, my daughter could not get a place at the school nursery. We received a place at our second choice, but they only provide mornings, not the full 30 hours a week. We have had to make up the rest at a playgroup which we must fund ourselves. It makes me very angry that a commitment to free childcare cannot be fulfilled because no attempts have been made to increase the capacity at existing nurseries nor to introduce new settings.	10/14/2021 6:10 AM
19	Our experience with the early learning support has been excellent and the development of my child has demonstrated the high standard of support provided. There are currently no concerns or advice I could offer that would improve the level of support that is currently offered.	10/13/2021 3:07 PM
20	As a parent who is a qualified teacher, specialising in Early Years, I would love to support our local settings in an appropriate way.	10/13/2021 9:17 AM
21	We do already have support and regular contact with the Additional Support for Learning Early Years Team and my husband has just attended an Enabling Eating Zoom Session for children with Autism today. We have visuals for use at home and gave an open dialogue with Speech and Language. We also have regular Child Planning Meetings to keep us all on track and on the same page.	10/12/2021 8:48 PM
22	I would like to be given some materials from the programs that the nursery is going because I want to continue at home, I would like to follow the steps in learning things that I can't escape none and to know what is the next one in the row.	10/12/2021 7:18 PM
23	All of the above sound positive and worthwhile, but as a working mum of 3 children, sometimes offers of extra skills/ courses/ advice on how to support number three can make me feel like I need to do more to help my child achieve (i.e. I'm not doing enough), rather than support me.	10/12/2021 4:23 PM
24	Nursey visits when allowed would also be helpful.	10/12/2021 1:36 PM
25	My child currently has a blended model between local authority and private nursery, however we do not receive any funding for the hours she attends at private nursery despite us being under the impression that she is entitled to this. We have asked the nursery on several occasions about this but they state they have not received an answer from Edinburgh Council. It would be helpful for there to be more information/clarification surrounding this so that parents are not being charged for hours they should be entitled to. It would also be helpful to have a point of contact within the Council that any parental queries relating to this could be directed to as it's not very clear.	10/11/2021 10:47 PM
26	I wish to be allowed into my child's nursery. It is very difficult that I cannot go inside my child's nursery or see what she's been doing & enjoying.	10/11/2021 9:28 PM

27	I feel that it is extremely important that if a child in nursery has a sibling at the school there should be things put in place to make sure that the sibling are at the same school as i feel it give them extra support especially when first starting school and through the school years but also for the parents it can put extream pressure on parents trying to get kids to different schools on time and for collection times	10/11/2021 9:18 PM
28	I see great value in the full time offering for lots of families. Personally we are very fortunate to have grandparents who are very local and want to spend time with the urge and child. I also work part time and want to spend time with my child however I feel forced into making my three year old child attend full time education. They are so young and surely the home is where they should be spending most of their time whenever possible. Different councils and even different nurseries within this council are offering flexibility in the hours that the children are attending and I feel this should be embedded in the future of early childhood education as the children should be at home if it suits their family circumstances. I would also like to see teachers reinstated into Nurseries as the pre schoolers are missing out on so much without their input.	10/11/2021 9:07 PM
29	Hours that support full time working and consistent regular communication.	10/11/2021 8:13 PM
30	I would like to know more about what activities and learning skills they carry out on a weekly basis so I can engage and able to provide same sort of support at home. It better to have a 1 to 1 meeting with the staff on a monthly basis if possible.	10/11/2021 6:24 PM
31	I think pottys should be provided as standard in council nurseries as the absence of one caused problems for our child initially when going to the toilet at nursery. After weeks of accidents and speaking to the nursery manager I established there was no potty at the nursery and was asked to bring in our own potty from home which seems rather archaic in the 21st century in Edinburgh!	10/11/2021 6:07 PM
32	I would like to have more opportunities to meet other nursery parents	10/11/2021 5:30 PM
33	A lot of my answers have been influenced by COVID, which has restricted my child's activities, and my interactions with staff, so I'm not really in a position to judge. I would prefer for full uptake of the allocated hours not to be compulsory - under my child's nursery setting, it's 4.5 days or nothing - I'd have liked the option of 3.5 days.	10/11/2021 3:22 PM
34	N/A	10/11/2021 3:01 PM
35	I think my main comment about Buckstone Nursery is that there is no longer a qualified teacher among the staff. There has been at this nursery and previous state nurseries that my kids have been at and it adds a verve, a purpose and a steer to everything that is done. I would like to see a qualified teacher in the nursery school.	10/11/2021 2:44 PM
36	I agree very much with the above statements in being interested and involved in my child nursery setting and learning along with how home life can be used to reinforce learning etc however I feel some focus on supporting single parent households with young children would be beneficial, overall however I think the early learning team do a remarkable job.	10/11/2021 1:57 PM
37	I am interested in learning more about how to be the best possible carer for my child. However, I try to research this topic myself - when I receive gov booklets etc with ideas they can be obvious and patronising. Links to what's on in Edinburgh in terms of activities or groups that match up with the children's learning would be ideal. I.e "this museum has this (free) exhibition on during these dates".	10/11/2021 11:01 AM
38	I don't know very much at all about my son in the private nursery. We aren't allowed in. We have no actual evidence of learning or if staff interact with him at all apart from the quick 2 min feedback at the end of the day. He has been there nearly a year and I don't know much at all about his time there.	10/9/2021 10:35 PM
39	I don't think the full time (authority nursery, 2 full days and alternate Fridays) is helpful at all for learning or for parents. Firstly the alternate Friday works out at 9 Fridays in the year for my child. I understand this is based on hours. However, the impact in the child seems to be detrimental. The full hours (8-6) for a child of that age doesn't support appropriate learning. More regular routine for shorter hours in school nursery setting is much more appropriate and realistic of the learning and routine of a child preparing to go into school setting.	10/9/2021 11:13 AM
40	Funded hours should be at least 30 to 35 hours a week per term to support parents/carers returning to full time work and contribute to the country's economy.	10/8/2021 9:19 PM

41	It'll be good to have direct contact with council regarding information required as now only happens through the nursery and nursery doesn't provide contact information.	10/8/2021 6:15 PM
42	That the television did not go on for the children. I really do not see that is necessary. Some of the things he's seen are things we would not allow to watch at home. I would much prefer for him to be read to or be look through books. Have the daily menu put on the gate and the activities that they did would be really helpful and nice to know. Essentially a bit more feed back - I understand time at the end of the day is difficult so if this was written down it would need to vocalised.	10/8/2021 11:38 AM
43	Affordable childcare for children age 2/3. Fee for private nurseries makes it inaccessible to many. Also, my private nursery provides a daily photos, comments on food eaten etc via Family app. It would be great if locale authority setting used it too. Much more interactive between family and setting.	10/8/2021 11:22 AM
44	After go to school my child was improve.	10/8/2021 10:00 AM
45	I think it could be nice for the council to set up the nurseries that they have in New Zealand because some parents want their children to go to nursery for socialization but still be present for their moments. They're called playcentres I think?	10/8/2021 8:10 AM
46	Wrap around care information would be really helpful. Current home working situation helps re being able to manage drop off and pick up...if this wasn't in place for us have no idea how we would manage this. Have SG given this any thought.	10/8/2021 2:00 AM
47	As mentioned before I think the nursery offering is outrageous for children in their final year before school. I am a disabled single mother and offered no support with extra hours at nursery despite my son not settling into his nursery due to the lack of time he spends there. Two days per week will not prepare him for next year at school. He finished his nursery week on a Thursday and has to wait 6 days until the following Wednesday to go back. He suffers from anxiety and home life is proving very difficult with his anxiety in the lead up to nursery on a Wednesday. He just settling on a Thursday then it's over for another week. The flexi Friday is useless, I can't arrnage childcare that you do not have to pay for 11 Fridays per year, there is no consistency. A half day every week would be much better, more frequent and consistent for the children, as well as easier planning and cheaper for childcare costs. Same set up as private nurseries would be better, or 5 mornings or 5 afternoons as per the old model. The prioritisation of older siblings in the school is also discriminatory.	10/7/2021 7:33 PM
48	I would like to find out information about what is happening in nursery before it escalates or getting cut off at 10min parent teacher meeting.	10/7/2021 7:26 PM
49	I like to know what they are working on in nursery so we can expand on it at home. For example, counting or writing his name, or songs they are learning as he asks me to sing them and I don't know what song he wants. At the pick up it would be nice to have a short update of the day and what he's been doing.	10/7/2021 6:59 PM
50	More flexibility in how funded hours can be used - the current patterns don't suit many people.	10/7/2021 5:16 PM
51	As we no longer are allowed in nurseiy we don't see what's going on every day- themes/ topics etc. It would be good to have more information about what's going on week to week. Currently I know nothing about what's going on, my son turns uk plays and leaves. I know he does more than that - perhaps a newsletter would help.	10/7/2021 3:48 PM
52	More flexibility please so the setting works well for the child. Going to a nursery connected to their future primary school is a priority for many families and yet we are now told that nursery can offer no flexibility and it's either full time or lose your space. This is not in the best interests of the child. Why should a child not have the pre school experience just because their parents feel that full time nursery is too much. All the more important to settle in the school environment if nursery is already slightly overwhelming for a child. This is a disappointing current set up and the lack of flexibility (and why does this vary between school nurseries?) results in an unfriendly, hostile setting for the parents. Thank you.	10/7/2021 2:26 PM
53	Private nursery have been good. The way our application for the authority nursery was dealt with was atrocious.	10/7/2021 11:34 AM
54	some of the suggestions above about how to continue learning at home.	10/6/2021 9:21 PM
55	My best friend is a primary school teacher so I turn to her for advice but it would be good have	10/6/2021 9:03 PM

	feedback for linking learning at home as my kids only attend nursery 2 days a week.	
56	I think the nursery is caring very well equipped and the child is happy this I the main thing	10/6/2021 6:03 PM
57	I have noticed a difference in the quality of nursery learning since teachers have been removed.	10/6/2021 5:40 PM
58	Parents Day, to get in and see from behind how kids do	10/6/2021 3:08 PM
59	The 1140 hours are not the best experience for my son in his pre school year. The large gap between a Thursday and Wednesday brings anxiety and is not the best preparation for full time school next year.	10/6/2021 1:16 PM
60	It was an incredibly stressful experience trying to find a nursery place after moving from London and I had to turn down several work opportunities due to having no childcare. Given maternity leave is only funded for one year I don't understand why there is no government commitment to ensure high quality local childcare for working parents whose children are aged 1 and over.	10/6/2021 8:29 AM
61	my provision is split through two providers, one is excellent the other poor.As I don't have the option to reflect this on my answers, i just put a neither nor answer where relevant	10/6/2021 8:28 AM
62	We are in general very happy with the nursery our boy goes too. The extended funded hours factor is definitely making life easier. The cost of childcare is really high until the time they started getting funded hours. Staff has been working really hard during last months to keep kids and staff safe and keep nursery open. Thank you.	10/5/2021 11:18 PM
63	I was confused as to why we you are eligible for funding the term after your 3rd birthday for us that was in January (Sept birthday). My friend had funding from. August as they had a July birthday. Yet we will both be in the same year at school so the freind received more free hours than us	10/5/2021 9:55 PM
64	Being able to get past the front door (covid creates a barrier between nursery and family), transparency of hours (is 8 - 6, really till 6 or really 5.30/5.45), transparency of hours (why have Fridays become so odd).	10/5/2021 9:25 PM
65	As we can't access inside nursery, we haven't seen any of the learning environments. I would love to know more about what my daughter plays with, who she plays with, what kind of activities are available, what they eat, how they do lunchtime. I would love it if staff were trained to share images with parents daily, even just the learning experiences they provide without any children in the photo. And mostly, to have time to implement this. It feels like there are a lot of children and only a few very busy members of staff at nursery. My daughter is struggling to settle. There doesn't seem to be anyone really helping her - she is often left to walk in herself. She tells me she cries multiple times a day. No staff member has time to tell me at pick up about how/why/how often this is happening. I think local authority nurseries simply need more staff.	10/5/2021 8:50 PM
66	Improve parents feedback and improve individual learning journal then parents can have more informations about what their kids are doing in the nursery.	10/5/2021 8:24 PM
67	An extra year of early years funding would definitely assist especially Coming out a pandemic where financially things have changed entirely and the hours we now work to make up for list income	10/5/2021 4:39 PM
68	More communication from teachers to parents on daily routines and activities. Additionally, providing parents with updated information on what qualifications the teachers and assistants hold, e.g. first aid (date)	10/5/2021 4:16 PM
69	I couldnt fault our nursery on the support that they have given our family. But I have to say most conversations Ive had with the council regarding supporting my child have been anything but clear, progressive, or confidence building. The lack of resources (and therefore time) is clear, and its only ever the child that looses out.	10/5/2021 3:51 PM
70	Please kids don't need to play outdoors when it's freezing, windy and raining. It's not part of the curriculum and that's what I hear from thatchers. My son has a very sensitive lungs. He is prone to high infection. I always take him home sleeves are wet, chest and socks wet all day and they change him just before I come. Swollen hands from freezing playing with cold water. It's torture not education. I lost my older daughter at the age of 3 because of the careless at nursery. The teachers let them out without warm clothes. All windows are opened which I	10/5/2021 12:21 PM

	appreciate it but I keep asking please don't take jumper off but no one cares. Sick kids at home, chilled teachers 😞 Extremely frustrated	
71	More knowledge on school options for my autistic child.	10/5/2021 10:22 AM
72	I would like more feedback on what my child gets up to/development etc.	10/4/2021 9:53 PM
73	I think it would be best to change the cut-off for the school year intake from 28th Feb to 31st August so all children start age 5 years (or within 2 weeks of turning 5) - it will minimise the spread of ages in any year group	10/4/2021 6:05 PM
74	We have been unable to get early learning and childcare support for one of my son's nurseries, which isn't in a partnership with ECC because it wishes to pay its staff at a reasonable rate and implement a staff/student ratio befitting quality learning. This is a huge disappointment and shows that ECC is not interested in high quality learning environments.	10/4/2021 4:16 PM
75	K	10/4/2021 3:29 PM
76	I would like to know what my child does on a day to day basis. The start and end of the day is rushed and I don't feel there is much of an opportunity to ask questions. I often get, they've had a good day...but what does that mean?	10/4/2021 3:02 PM
77	My child loves going to nursery but I do feel she's missed out on a great deal due to covid. She's missed the entire toddler stage, maybe an extra year at nursery is a good idea as she's very wary of people. I think children should be allowed to attend nursery from the day they turn 3 as it's not fair on the children that only get a year and a bit of nursery	10/4/2021 1:25 PM
78	More updates on learning journals	10/4/2021 11:24 AM
79	I would be interested in groups which would assist the social aspects of learning. Helping parents to be more social and guide children in this	10/4/2021 11:18 AM
80	Hours provided should be more suitable for working parents. At the moment 2 days at EYC are not acceptable	10/4/2021 11:04 AM
81	The way the change to the 30 hour model has been implemented means that it is difficult or impossible to find a nursery in which you can only send your child for mornings only (15 hours per week). For many children and families including ours this shorter period is preferable. In addition the funding has not been doubled so the quality of provision is worse. In short, the change to 30 hours has made nursery provision worse for many children. Nurseries should not be financially penalised for offering mornings only to children.	10/3/2021 9:10 PM
82	For there to be greater flexibility from local authority nurseries around the number of funded hours that can be used by each child - not all families want their child to attend full days or 30 hours per week.	10/3/2021 9:00 PM
83	More individual feedback on learning journals or at pick up	10/3/2021 7:48 PM
84	I would liked to have been able to use the nursery attached to the school that my child will attend from Aug 22. As I work full time to be able to pay private nursery costs and have no family nearby to help I have not even been able to consider the school's nursery. I also think my child will be more settled in one setting full time over a number of years. I think it is unfair that I can't consider this option and have had to spend the majority of my salary funding very expensive childcare for both my children. I am unable to afford to work part time and spend more time with my children.	10/3/2021 7:25 PM
85	Our daughter has flourished at forest kindergarten and is noticeably happier in herself compared to private nursery. We are very happy.	10/2/2021 5:38 PM
86	I would like to receive more information regarding the day my child spend in the nursery when I pick him up. If he had is food, how was his behaviour, what he did during the day..... I normally don't get any information.	10/2/2021 8:46 AM
87	I wish my child's nursery staff could have arts based training, more outdoor provision and a more homely environment. Creativity is too guided and use of screens- iPads/TV for singing and watching is not good enough.	10/1/2021 9:36 PM
88	When accessing the place at my son's nursery in April 2021, he was given a 2 days per week place at our first choice of nursery. After our son was settled in, the setting later informed us that they would be providing a full time model from August 2021. My son is only 3 and is really	10/1/2021 6:55 PM

struggling with full time hours however the nursery have not agreed to allow us to reduce his hours. We have been left with no choice but to seek a place elsewhere. Unfortunately there are very few places available in our local private nurseries and we also feel that the standard of care at these nurseries (via visiting and inspection reports) is not as good as his current setting. We are very unhappy with the inflexibility with which the 1140 hours has been rolled out and are saddened that our son is having to move settings. Currently we have not yet been able to secure an alternative placement. The aims of the increased provision of nursery hours in providing increased flexibility and support for parents have not been met in our case. This has led to an extremely stressful and distressing situation for both myself, my husband and our son.

89	I would like to receive some more feedback on how my daughter is doing. This may not be the right place to say this but I would like to point out that the only aspect I am not happy about the nursery is the food. I don't think they get enough vegetables and don't see the need in having chips/wedges up to 3 times a week or fried food so often.	10/1/2021 5:33 PM
90	The cost of having a child at nursery if both parents need to work is absolutely outrageous. Some mechanism to reduce the cost to working parents is required	10/1/2021 4:13 PM
91	Would like to view my child's learning setting in person as have been unable to do this due to covid restrictions	10/1/2021 2:25 PM
92	I would like to have more chat with nursery staff, I understand that due to covid there is a time limit to talk, but I have no idea what my child is up to all day, nor how nursery looks inside etc. it's rely hard for me as my child is not able yet to tell me everything	10/1/2021 2:17 PM
93	It'd be useful to give families more tools in relation to activities to carry out with their children or communication skills workshops, in order to help the kids reach their potential.	10/1/2021 11:32 AM
94	Catchment areas should be introduced to align with primary and high schools.	10/1/2021 10:15 AM
95	Very pleased with our childcare. Focus on play rather than learning. Keen to see some progression in learning however as approach transition to p1.	10/1/2021 9:40 AM
96	For me personally, I am not too worried about my children 'learning' at nursery (nor at home). At this age, I believe they do not need to 'learn' but just experience life and develop social skills etc. That is not to say I'm not interested in knowing what they do at nursery and I do hope children are provided with interesting experiences of course but I'm not bothered about whether they are learning skills related to numeracy or literacy for instance and I find it frustrating that nurseries seem to often focus on this. I just want my child to be well looked after (i.e have their basic needs met) and to have a warm, nurturing environment outside the home where they can learn to be a little bit more independent and build an identity for themselves away from home and hopefully build their confidence.	10/1/2021 9:32 AM
97	I understand why there is a lack of daily feedback but find it hard not knowing what he does at nursery. He doesn't give much away!	9/30/2021 11:02 PM
98	I strongly feel that more term time full time places need to provided as most people I know who were needing that were not offered it.	9/30/2021 9:41 PM
99	The staff is extremely welcoming and fun loving . My kids love to go to nursery . I would like to recommend to set a minimum stay time by staff and should encourage parents to keep their child in nursery . Current timings are from 8 30 to 6 pm however most of the parents pick up their kid by 4 30 which just waste additional 2 hours of a day , basically it altogether is a loss of 4-5 hours per week . Many who opted for this option cannot leverage this opportunity to the fullest .	9/30/2021 8:48 PM
100	Support for settings to use the local community more. For example, our setting was using the beach but this had to stop which was a real shame. Similarly, the forest trips.	9/30/2021 7:52 PM
101	It would be very helpfull if the staff would focus on children rather then sending long messages, I would prefer to have time to help my child learns then be occupied with reading. I do not know how working parents find the time to read this all. Especially when my child was attending Calderglen nursery - 2 days a week the amount of emails and messages were just unbelievable. It would be helpfull if my child would learn something from nursery, especially skills like counting. As this need to be repeated several times.	9/30/2021 7:38 PM
102	Having free flow in the nursery at all times when children can benefit for choosing indoor or outdoor activities. Having online communication with nursery staff, private group on Twitter or	9/30/2021 7:02 PM

	Whats Up	
103	N/A	9/30/2021 5:48 PM
104	Not too keen on 2 day a week and so many Fridays it's a long gap in between for children to be off when they are trying to settle into a new environment, it was a lot better when they went in the morning/afternoon 5 days a week.	9/30/2021 5:24 PM
105	If the workload allows, more individual images of my child going about her everyday life at nursery. This would be lovely to see as we cannot enter the building at present due to Covid restrictions. Not adding to the workload of staff and not necessarily needs to be a link to the curriculum. Just some extra routine pictures or videos might help to chat about the day e.g. snack, lunch, registering in the morning etc. The nursery have been super at keeping us up to date as best they can and I have no complaints at all. I know, for first time nursery parents, this might be helpful as they've never been in the building. Thanks.	9/30/2021 5:06 PM
106	I would prefer for my child to have a Monday to Friday placement and have referred to the waiting list for a space instead of him having 2 long days	9/30/2021 4:26 PM
107	Happy to link learning from home to nursery, however, I feel it should be relaxed and not forced upon a child. Home is their safe & happy place & shouldn't be forced or feel pressured. A lot of things we do at home when we spend quality time together could be linked in to how everyday experiences already help with my child's learning. Good to hear how so like they do at nursery. I would like to see more on the learning journal about what they do during the day, if possible & more pics please.	9/30/2021 4:01 PM
108	I don't know much about the facilities the nursery has beyond photos which look sparse. I am a primary teacher so feel confident at providing learning through play experiences.	9/30/2021 4:01 PM
109	updates to know what songs/games are being played to do same at home	9/30/2021 2:56 PM
110	I would love for my child to have the opportunity to go to nursery full time. 2 days a week 8am until 6pm is not good enough. Why are these restrictions put on nurseries but not on primary or high schools? Preschool children are being unreasonably punished for something that they are at very low risk. Presumably staff are all vaccinated so don't understand why my son can't get a full time place. The Council need to seriously look at the impact they have put on young children because of their restrictions.	9/30/2021 2:43 PM
111	Update and reports about how our kids are doing and areas where they need more support.	9/30/2021 2:15 PM
112	If children of keyworkers could be offered 2's places. That would be dead helpful.	9/30/2021 2:10 PM
113	Being able to choose what hours my child attends, i.e., going to nursery only Monday and Tuesday and some Fridays means difficulties arranging for childcare elsewhere while I work. Going to nursery 30 hours a week would be a much more appreciated option but no one at any point asked us what we prefer.	9/30/2021 2:07 PM
114	I think the ratio's should be lower	9/30/2021 1:50 PM
115	I strongly feel that the allocation of term time v full year spaces at my setting (currie) is wrong. forcing teachers all to become year round has resulted in loss of some loved members of staff, and is unpopular with those that remain. Many parents who would want term time school hours have instead got the 2 plus flexi Fridays. Most people cannot pick and choose which Fridays to work so this is useless, especially as the schedule keeps having to change. Funded hours are being wasted as parents with older kids at school just want to collect all at once - many like myself put kids at school nursery and arranged lives around the hours previously offered because they felt 8-6pm at private nursery was too long. Barely any children are making use of the full day hours. Last Friday at 3pm there were 4 staff and 2 kids - 1 of which was about to be collected. what a waste of resources. Why not have more kids 8.45 until 3, then reduced staff for the 3-6 period. The capacity of the building is far higher, as there were double the number of children in there 5 years ago. Some staff could be year round and others term time only, as barely any kids there during school holidays either. Extending the hours on a Friday afternoon to 6pm seems to me just a way of getting out of paying for another childcare setting (by saying you have offered the hours but knowing they wont be used). I intend to email these comments as well.	9/30/2021 1:38 PM
116	Better feedback from nursery on learning journals. They are not updated much so not sure what he's doing each day etc	9/30/2021 1:30 PM

117	Early signposting for help with a child with additional needs. Our health visitor has been fantastic but she only became our health visitor when our son was 3, before then our concerns fell through the cracks. It would have been good to have direct support on what we should have been doing to develop his social and communication skills and to prepare him for changes like having a sibling and going to a nursery setting - none of the conventional things we did seemed to work for him.	9/30/2021 1:02 PM
118	Suggestions of activities I can do at home to complement nursery learning on the same topics.	9/30/2021 12:46 PM
119	It's worth noting that although I am very much interested in helping my child and nursery as indicated above, some people struggle to find time to do so, eg in a single parent who works full time hours with another child at school who requires assistance to do homework, to try and find more time out with time we play with children is very difficult to do so, and there is also a guilt factor to consider if that time can not be found	9/30/2021 12:45 PM
120	disappointed that staff do not seem to know much about developmental stages of children. And blame children for behaviour and don't seem to have much training in helping children with conflict resolution techniques. More communication on what staff are trying to do with children, concepts, behaviour, themes for example. Doesn't appear to be much interest in children outside of the centre.	9/30/2021 12:03 PM
121	I enjoy all interaction/collaboration with the nursery.	9/30/2021 11:42 AM
122	I am so grateful for and pleased with the childcare we are now getting for my 3 year old daughter, and have been very happy with our experience so far at Hope Cottage nursery in Edinburgh. The staff are wonderful, and our daughter is happy. That said, I find it astounding that there is no help in this country with childcare from birth to 3 years old. Particularly as the UK has some of the most expensive childcare in the world. After parental leave ends, what is a family meant to do? We are lucky in that we had enough money to pay for a private nursery and a babysitter, and both parents balanced work with childcare but this has not been easy for us. Others are not so lucky. Please support families with children younger than 3. Subsidising nursery/childminders as they do in other countries would make a world of difference. My friend in Montreal sends her 2 year old to nursery for \$8/day. Our nursery in Edinburgh was £60/day. That is a ridiculous amount of money. In making childcare for the under 3s eye-wateringly expensive, you are pushing women out of work. We can do better than this.	9/30/2021 11:21 AM
123	Advice on everyday things like toilet training or how to deal with toddler negotiations	9/30/2021 11:08 AM
124	More regular updates on what is happening at my child's nursery, what they are doing, how they are doing, what they are learning, what they are eating for lunches. Private nurseries provide much more information about these things on a daily basis.	9/30/2021 10:41 AM
125	Working full time it is difficult to be able to formally volunteer to support early years, but I would be keen to have more ideas on how to support learning at home.	9/30/2021 10:24 AM
126	We love our nursery and it is so convenient that it is part of the school my older one goes to, but it only offers term time hours and we really struggle to cover all the school holidays because me and my husband are both working. Some sort of solution for the holidays via childminders or similar would be a huge help.	9/30/2021 10:21 AM
127	My child has come from private nursery and misses being able to get out and explore the local area. I appreciate that Frogston is very new and staff are absolutely doing their best but it's a shame that the children this year are not quite getting the full experience that others will get in the future	9/30/2021 10:10 AM
128	I would of liked to have bn able to have a choice if my child did full time/part time. Would also like to be able to see in the nursery inviroment.	9/30/2021 9:38 AM
129	More information on what my child does on a daily basis. Now that collection is at the door there is very little opportunity to hear from staff about what children have done. One post in a learning journal from 4 days of attendance doesn't really give me much insight. Progress updates or parent consultations would be good. I have no idea how my child is achieving against milestones for her preschool year.	9/30/2021 9:34 AM
130	I am overall happy with the nursery. I just sometimes feel a bit uninformed as to what my son has been doing. The learning journals are great but staff are busy and we do not see many of these. I understand why but I feel very in the dark about what my son does at nursery. Staff	9/30/2021 9:32 AM

	cannot chat at beginning/end of day so it would be good to have some other sort of feedback made available	
131	I am very happy with the nursery, but it would be good to be further engaged with it as detailed in the questions in section 17	9/30/2021 9:21 AM
132	I think it is key for private nursery managers and staff to have more training and understanding in recognising and supporting children with additional needs. The process of getting support for my child took longer than it should have because those needs were not understood initially. Once they were, the support we received was excellent and accessing it was massively helped by two very understanding health visitors	9/30/2021 9:08 AM
133	Dalmeny/south Queensferry definitely needs more nursery space to support parents going back to work. I'm lucky I could wait for space at Nippers	9/30/2021 8:24 AM
134	I would like to see inside the nursery or at least a video of a walk round as due to covid restrictions I haven't seen inside. I would also like more regular updates on parent portal but understand this might not be possible for staff	9/29/2021 8:37 PM
135	I have an unusual situation whereby last session I used a blended model of 16hrs term time at local authority nursery and 14 hrs with a childminder and so did not pay for childcare for her. This year I decided to better prepare my child for school she should do the 30 hrs at local authority nursery however I now am having to pay my childminder for wrap around care. This situation may put people off putting their child in for 30 hrs as I am financially worse off. Thank you	9/29/2021 7:51 PM
136	More interaction with nursery staff/daily report or information for parents to take home	9/29/2021 7:19 PM

9.2 Appendix 2

Nursery places for 2 year olds

Funded Early learning and childcare for eligible twos

Criteria

You may qualify if you get one or more of these benefits

- Income Support
 - income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - income-based Employment Support Allowance, Incapacity Benefit or Severe Disablement Allowance
 - State Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credits, but not Working Tax Credit with annual household income below £16,480
 - Child Tax Credits and Working Tax Credit with an annual household income of £7,500 or less
 - support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - Universal Credit with a monthly household earned income of £625 per month or below (Based on equivalent of £7500 per year) Note: disability allowance is not included as income
- or if your child is:
- looked after or is considered to be at risk of becoming looked after
 - under a kinship care order
 - is living with a parent-appointed guardian
 - care experienced or has a parent who is care experienced
 - in temporary accommodation/homeless
- or if the family has
- graduated from the Family Nurse Partnership (FNP)