



## 1140 hours of funded Early Learning and Childcare for August 2020





## What we know

- ✓ Parents and carers have the biggest influence on their child's early learning
- ✓ The time children spend in high quality Early Learning and Childcare (EL&C) has a positive impact which goes on well after their early childhood experience into school and beyond
- ✓ Choices are influenced by individual family circumstances, work and future plans for returning to training or employment
- ✓ Legislative changes being introduced in August 2020 will change the landscape of how funded Early Learning & Childcare is offered in Scotland and locally here in East Lothian



## What it means in practical terms

- The current entitlement to funded hours will increase from 600 hours to 1140 hours for all 3 & 4 year olds and some eligible 2 year olds
- Parents don't have to take up all of these hours – they can choose to take up as much or as little of these hours – but still within a framework and model
- There will be a variety of provision types which can be used i.e. Childminder, Community Play Group, Day Nursery, School Nursery
- Hours can be taken up with one provider or a combination of providers to offer a blended / shared care option
- Hours can be accessed between 38 – 50 weeks
- Not all providers will provide the same – there will be a mixed market of provision



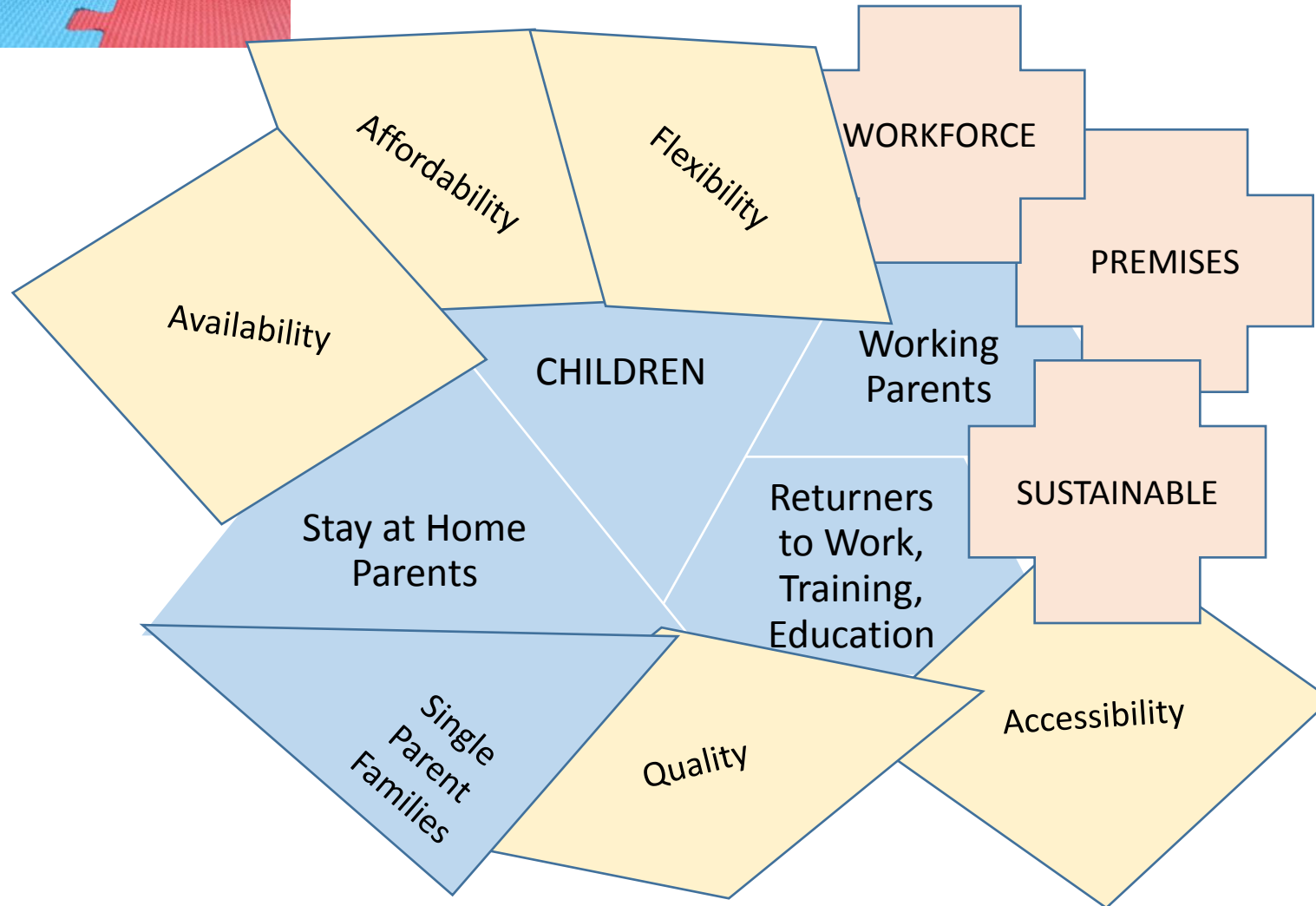
## What's happening between now and August 2020

- All Local Authorities in Scotland are phasing in the hours and trialling different models.
- In East Lothian single provider and blended models over 38, 40 and 50 weeks have been introduced to trial systems and processes as well as what is practical, affordable and sustainable – and used by parents
- They will continue to offer the additional hours from now, into implementation 2020 and beyond – however the model may look different by then – depending on what meets the local need
- The phasing will continue until it includes all LA Nurseries , Private Day Nurseries and Childminders who are funded providers and Community Play Groups and Childminders who wish to become funded providers.



## Solving the Early Learning & Childcare Puzzle and Making it Work

How we bring it together may not be an exact fit - but it can map together with a bit of creativity and partnership working





## Looking at introducing 1140 hours in Dunbar

Options available to all – Quality, Choice, Flexibility, Affordability,

- All hours with a Funded Provider ( private day nursery, community play group or childminder ) as sole provider over 38 – 50 weeks
- A ‘ blended model’ using more than one funded provider / LA Nursery over 38 – 50 weeks
- All hours with a LA Nursery – 30 hours per week over 38 weeks term time only
- Explore how to introduce 1140 hours in remaining four Dunbar PS Nursery rooms from January 2020 and establish a consistent, fair and sustainable model to meet current and future needs/demand



## How it looks currently for 600 hours

<u>Sessional model x 4 rooms : 600 hours over 38 weeks term time using alternate Friday</u>						
<b>Week 1</b>		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4year old	Morning x 5	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
3 year old	Afternoon x 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
<b>Week 2</b>		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday a.m.
4 year old	Morning x 4	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
3 year old	Afternoon x 4 & Morning x 1	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

<b>Nursery class</b>	<b>Current Model</b>	<b>No. of Places offered</b>	<b>Total</b>
Castle	extended/continuous day & sessional	32	32
Harbour	sessional (a.m./p.m.)	30/30	60
Haven	sessional (a.m./p.m.)	30/30	60
Seashore	sessional (a.m./p.m.)	30/30	60
Woodland	sessional (a.m./p.m.)	30/30	60
			<b>272</b>



## What's been explored, reviewed, deemed impractical and why

- Total number of children requiring a place Aug 19 - June 2020 = 239
- Offering 1140 hours over 38 weeks to ALL children giving 30 hours per week using a sessional model To accommodate all places required would mean a 12 hour day ( 7 a.m. - 7 .p.m. )

OR

- Offering 1140 hours over 38 weeks to ALL children giving 30 hours per week using a sessional model of 6 hours requires a reduction in places

Extended day ( 5 days x 6hrs)	Monday - Friday	Changing capacity in <b>four sessional</b> 30/30 rooms to <b>30 places</b> - halving the total number of places <b>from 272 to 152</b>	<b>87 potential</b> places unable to be placed across Dunbar nursery classes
Asymmetric Over 4 1/2 days	Mon - Thurs & Fri a.m. only		





## **Further options which have been explored reviewed**

**Scenario A:** Changing capacity in two of the current four sessional 30/30 rooms to 30 places = 212 places for 239 children  
- shortage of places to meet demand

**Scenario B:** Changing capacity in one current four sessional 30/30 room to 30 places = 242 places for 239 children

- offers choice & flexibility as well as a mix across term time & non-term weeks
- requires a criteria to allocate places where demand exceeds capacity
- have an existing criteria used within settings where not rolled out to all places

**Scenario C:** Keep 30/30 but over 46 weeks = 5 hour sessions ( 8a.m. -1p.m & 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.)

- Discussed with staff and management -presents safety & practical issues with all children on site during session transition, exceeds 1140 by 10 hours

***Scenario B – remains an option to explore further***



## Further options to offer alongside Scenario B

Over 50 weeks = 4 1/2 hour sessions	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Option 1 (1125 hours)
AM Place	8:00-12:30	8:00-12:30	8:00-12:30	8:00-12:30	8:00-12:30	30 min break between sessions
PM Place	13:00 -17.30	13:00 -17.30	13:00 -17.30	13:00 -17.30	13:00 -17.30	
Over 50 weeks = 4 1/2 hour sessions	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Option 2 (1125 hours)
AM Place	8:00-12:30	8:00-12:30	8:00-12:30	8:00-12:30	8:00-12:30	15 min break between sessions
PM Place	12:45 -17.15	12:45 -17.15	12:45 -17.15	12:45 -17.15	12:45 -17.15	



## Criteria example used for limited places – potential for Scenario B

Note these are not listed in any preference order and for example purposes only – based on initial Scottish Government guidance SIMD areas and those most in need first

- Eligibility – entitled by age
- Statutory Social Work /Child Protection/Looked After Child / Kinship Care
- Development and Wellbeing Concerns
- Long-term illness, medical condition or disability ( parent/child)
- English as an Additional Language
- Other Agency support or involvement (Health, Family Support Workers, Women’s Aid, Home Start etc.)
- Caring Responsibilities Adult or Young carer
- Work, Education or Training Circumstances
- Disadvantaged by other hardship circumstance



## Next Steps

- Take away the option sheet and consider what would work for you and your family
- Indicate which model you would use / take up from January 2020
  - Remember you don't have to use all 50 weeks – you can take over 38 weeks term time within the sessional model
  - where there are a set number of Extended/continual days places offered in a room (s) these will be allocated using the specified criteria
- Discuss what a blended model will look like with your chosen provider or all hours with them
- Ask further questions where needed – [school/ provider/ or email childcareinfo@eastlothian.gov.uk](#)
- Return completed Options form to school by **20<sup>th</sup> May**