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Dear Parent/Carer

You may be aware the Scottish Government has committed to increasing the entitlement to funded Early Learning and Childcare from the current 600 hours per year to 1140 hours per year from August 2020.

The introduction of the increase in hours will be a gradual process and the council is phasing this in across the city with a year on year increase in the number of settings delivering 1140 hours of funded Early Learning and Childcare. **Cowgate Under 5's Centre** will now provide 1140 hours to all eligible children from **14 August 2019**. Children are eligible for funded hours from the term after their 3rd birthday.

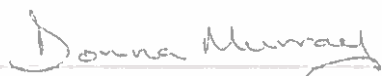
I want to reassure you that this change will not affect your place at Cowgate and you will be able to continue on your current placement until your child is eligible for the funded hours. Once your child is eligible you will be able to choose a pattern of attendance at Cowgate from one of the following options.

Options (all year round options setting is closed for 11 days for bank holidays and staff in-service)	Pattern of session time
1 Stay on your current pattern of attendance	
2 5 x 4 hr 32 minutes mornings all year round	<i>e.g. 8.00am – 12.32pm</i>
3 5 x 4 hr 32 minutes afternoons all year round	<i>e.g. 1.15pm – 5.42pm</i>
4 2 x 10 hour days (Mon, Tues) + 14 Flexi Fridays all year round.	<i>8.00am – 6.00pm</i>
5 2 x 10 hour days (Wed, Thur) + 12 Flexi Fridays all year round.	<i>8.00am – 6.00pm</i>

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Please note: for options 2-5 it may not be possible to give all parents their preferred option. Where demand for a particular option exceeds availability we will use the start date at Cowgate Under 5's to allocate the places.

Yours sincerely

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Donna Murray
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