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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 and all children accessing the funded hours will be entitled to a free meal.

Parents who would like to purchase more than 1140 hours will be able to do so if spaces are available. The cost of the additional hourly rate will be £5.10 from August 2019.

We would now like to offer you some options to access the increased funded 1140 hours.

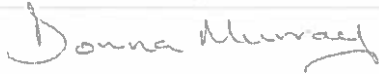
Name of child		
Options (all year round options setting is closed for 11 days for bank holidays and staff in-service)	Pattern of session time	Please number the options in order of preference 1-5.
1 Stay on current pattern of attendance		
2 5 x 4 hr 32 minutes mornings all year round	e.g. 8.00am – 12.32pm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

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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.

Please return your preferred option to Karen Thomson by Friday 12th April.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Murray".

Donna Murray
Senior Education Officer