

## Early Learning and Childcare – Parents/Carers Survey 9 - 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2015

Using a variety of techniques, this section presents and summarises data gathered in relation to the questions associated with the study.

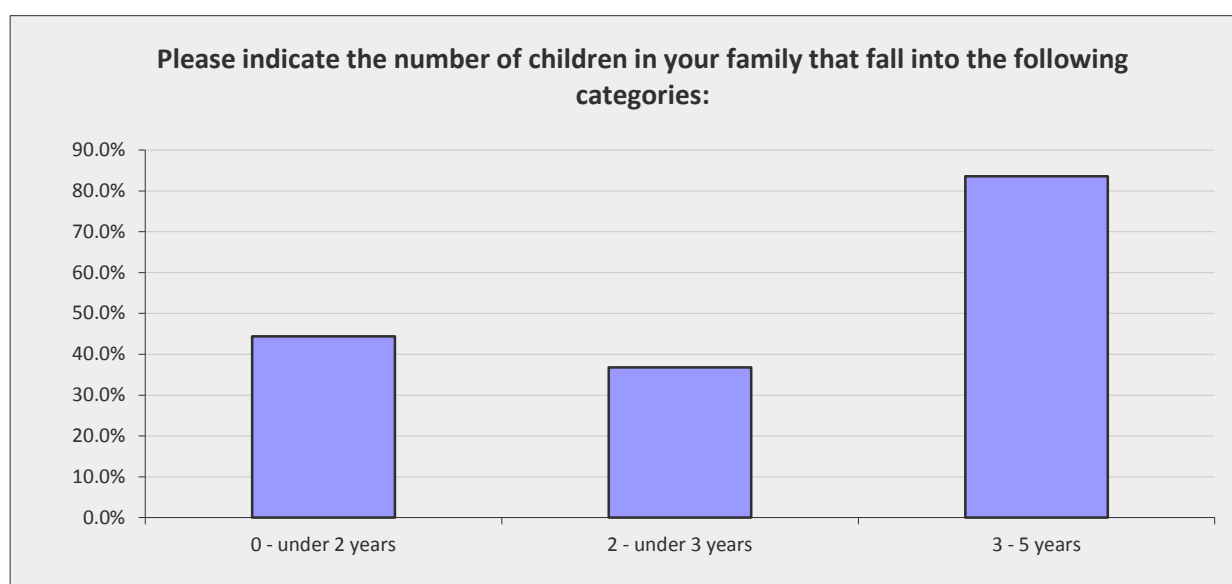
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The main findings that emerged from the survey are as follows:

Total respondents – 174 (electronic and paper formats)

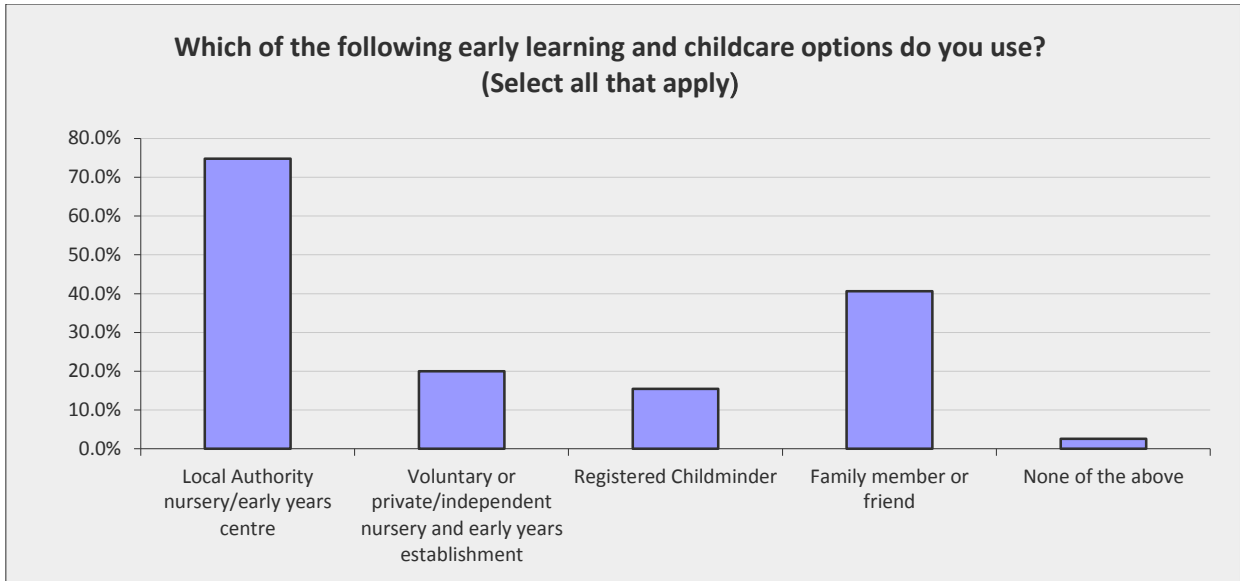
**Q1. Please indicate the number of children in your family that fall into the following categories:-**

0 - under 2 years	44.4%
2 - under 3 years	36.8%
3 - 5 years	83.6%



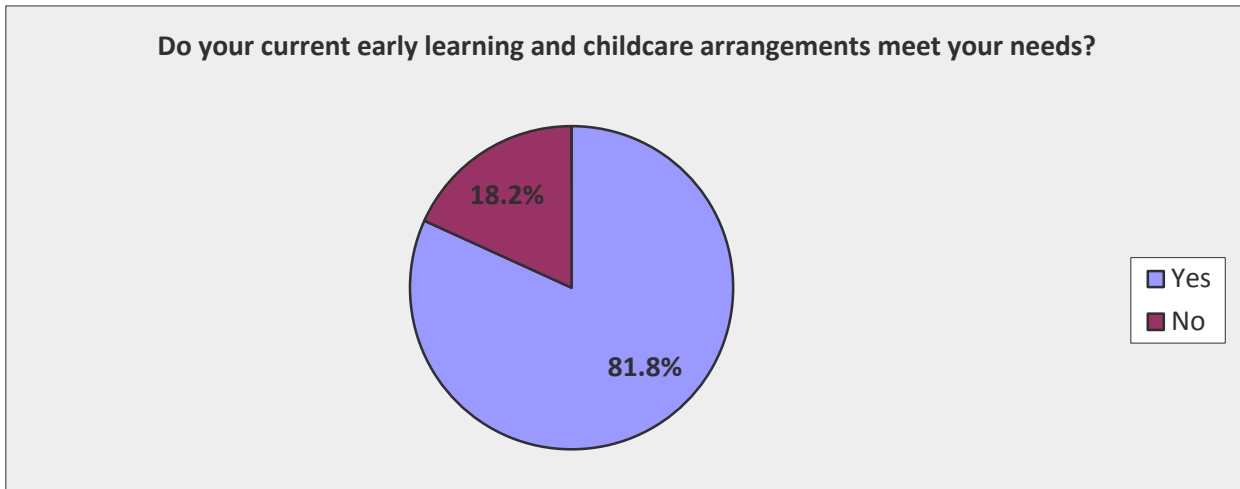
**Q2. Which of the following early learning and childcare options do you use? (Respondents were asked to select all that apply)**

Local Authority nursery/early years centre	74.8%
Voluntary or private/independent nursery and early years establishment	20.0%
Registered Childminder	15.5%
Family member or friend	40.6%
None of the above	2.6%



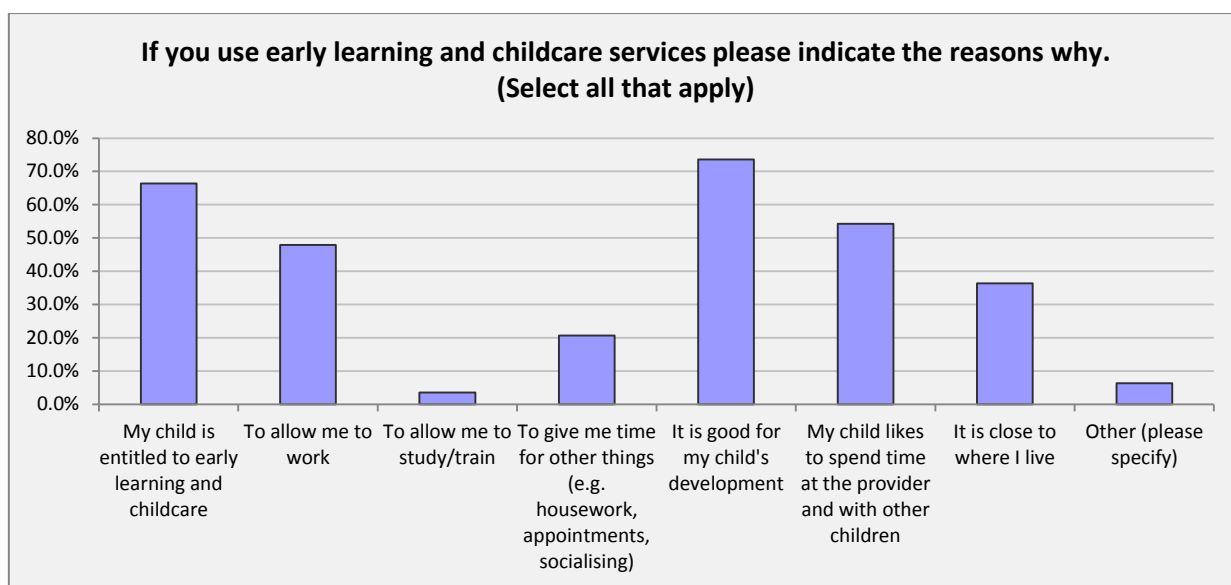
**Q3. Do your current early learning and childcare arrangements meet your needs?**

Yes	81.8%
No	18.2%



**Q4. If you use early learning and childcare services please indicate the reasons why?  
(Respondents were asked to select all that apply)**

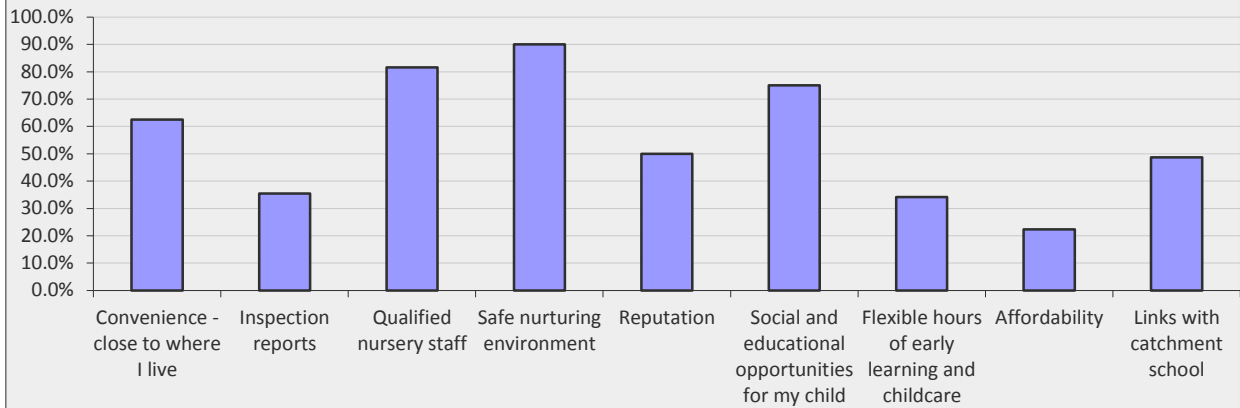
My child is entitled to early learning and childcare	66.4%
To allow me to work	47.9%
To allow me to study/train	3.6%
To give me time for other things (e.g. housework, appointments, socialising)	20.7%
It is good for my child's development	73.6%
My child likes to spend time at the provider and with other children	54.3%
It is close to where I live	36.4%
Other (please specify)	6.4%



**Q5. What do you consider to be the 5 most important aspects when choosing an early learning and childcare provider? (Respondents were asked to choose 5 only)**

Convenience - close to where I live	62.5%
Inspection reports	35.5%
Qualified nursery staff	81.6%
Safe nurturing environment	90.1%
Reputation	50.0%
Social and educational opportunities for my child	75.0%
Flexible hours of early learning and childcare	34.2%
Affordability	22.4%
Links with catchment school	48.7%

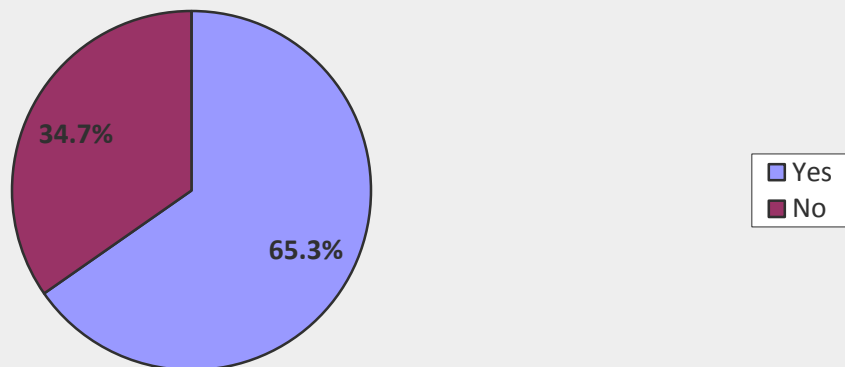
**What do you consider to be the 5 most important aspects when choosing an early learning and childcare provider? (Please choose 5 only)**



**Q6. Would you be prepared to pay for additional, wrap around, early learning and childcare hours within you current setting during term time?**

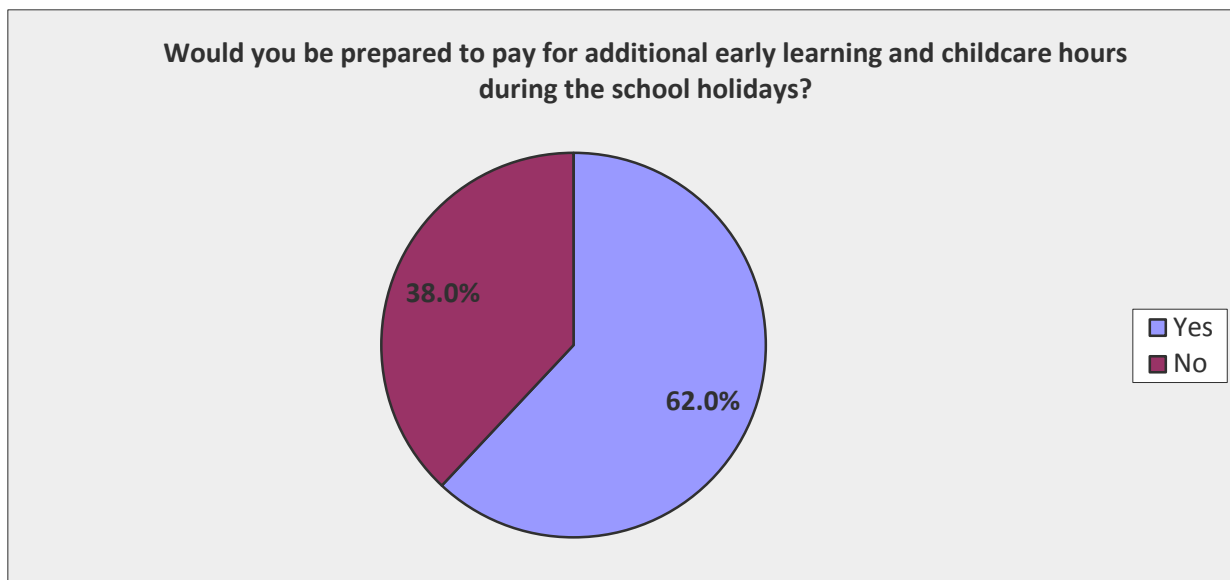
Yes	65.3%
No	34.7%

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**Q7. Would you be prepared to pay for additional early learning and childcare hours during the school holidays?**

Yes	62.0%
No	38.0%



**Q8. Which of the following early learning and childcare arrangements are most suitable for you?**

5 sessions per week of 3 hours 10 minutes (16 hours in total, funded, term time)	52.1%
2 and a half days per week (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning, 16 hours in total, funded, term time)	7.9%
2 and a half days per week (Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday, 16 hours in total, funded, term time)	2.1%
Half day sessions of 4 hours (4 days per week, 16 hours in total, funded, during term time)	12.9%
School day sessions of 6 hours (up to 16 hours per week, funded, during term time)	6.4%
Full day sessions of 8 hours (2 days per week, 16 hours in total, funded, during term time)	8.6%
Other (please state):	10.0%

**Q.9 What is your postcode?**

Respondents were asked to provide details of postcode.

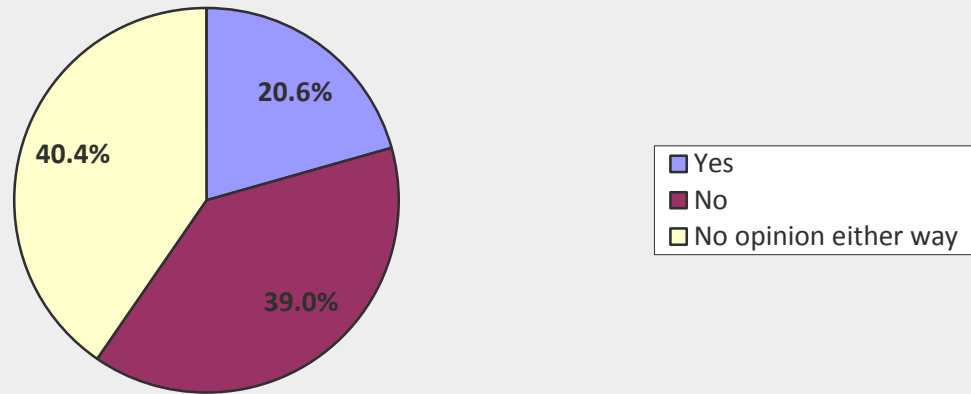
**Q10. Please indicate in which area you would like your child to attend early learning and childcare.**

Tron (This includes Barassie Primary School, Dundonald Primary School, Muirhead Primary School, Struthers Primary School, Troon Primary School, Granny Smith's Nursery and Meadowgreen Pre-School)	17.5%
Prestwick (This includes Space Place Early Years Centre, Glenburn Primary School, Heathfield Primary School, Kingcase Primary School, Monkton Primary School, St. Ninians Primary School and Pine Trees Nursery)	21.2%
Ayr North (This includes Cherry Tree Nursery, Wallacetown Nursery School, Newton Primary School and Kirktonholme at the Owl and Pussycat Nursery)	3.6%
Ayr South (This includes Alloway Primary School, Doonfoot Primary School, Forehill Primary School, Kincaidston Primary School, Alphabet Yard Nursery, Busybees Nursery, Doonvale Nursery, Riverbank Nursery and Wellington School Nursery)	21.2%
Maybole/Carrick (This includes Cairn Primary School, Crosshill Primary School, Fisherton Primary School, Gardenrose Primary School, Kirkmichael Primary School, Maidens Primary School and Straiton Primary School.	9.5%
Girvan (This includes Girvan Nursery School, Ballantrae Primary School, Barr Primary School, Barrhill Primary School, Colmonell Primary School and Dailly Primary School)	12.4%
Tarbolton Primary School/Annbank Primary School	8.8%
Coylton Primary School/Coylton Community Nursery	5.8%
Symington Primary School	0.0%

**Q11. Would you be interested in the option of your child learning Gaelic in their early learning and childcare establishment?**

Yes	20.6%
No	39.0%
No opinion either way	40.4%

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**Plans to address results of consultation:-**

All our Local Authority and Partnership establishments are operating 600 hrs of funded early learning and childcare. We currently have ten Local Authority establishments across South Ayrshire able to offer more flexible early learning and childcare arrangements of full day provision, up to 16 hrs per week. For session 2016/17 a further five Local Authority establishments will offer full day provision. Therefore 42% of our establishments will provide more flexible early learning and childcare to meet the needs of parents/carers and families.

We are also expanding and upgrading provision for eligible 2 - 3 year old children in South Ayrshire. We currently have nine LA establishments able to offer places to eligible 2 - 3 year old children, with plans for an additional two centres that will be offering this service 2016/17.