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Dear Parent/Carer

Changes to East Dunbartonshire Early Learning and Childcare Funding

Thank you for your recent application for Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) for your child who is due to turn three between 1st March 2026 and 31st July 2026.

Presently, the Council funds all 3-year-olds from the day after their third birthday. However, the decision has now been taken to change this to align with Scottish Government's guidance in terms of statutory provision.

Therefore, funded places for children turning three between 1st March 2026 and 31st July 2026 will now commence from **the term after their third birthday**.

Please note, your child will still receive their full entitlement; as they are born in between March and July, which means they will receive a funding for two full academic years.

Further note: you will be required to submit a new application for your child's two-year funded place in January/February 2026.

What you need to do now:

Your current application will remain open until you instruct us with one of the following three options. Please [email or telephone](#) your chosen early years provider to request any further information and to confirm your choice, i.e.:

1. Apply for a non-funded place – with the same choices on application form, i.e. early years centre/days/sessions*.
2. Apply for a non-funded place – with a change to the choices on your application form, i.e. early years centre/days/sessions*.
3. Remove this application for 2025/26 and apply again in January/February 2026 for academic year 2026/27 and 2027/28.

** Please note: all spaces are allocated in line with the updated EDC Early Years Admissions Policy; applications for Funded Providers are subject to their admissions policy. Spaces are not guaranteed and dependent on capacity. The current hourly rate for a three-year-old in local authority early years centre is £4.96 per hour.*

Yours sincerely

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