

Free Childcare Places – Attendance Matters Parent information

You are now accessing a funded place on the 2, 3 & 4 Year Old Early Years Free Entitlement with an Ofsted registered provider. The following frequently asked questions may be of help in the future.

Why is it important that my child attends for all of the hours that have been agreed with the childcare provider?

Your child will benefit from;

- Increased confidence and independence away from you – getting ready for school;
- Learning to be kind to others, taking turns and sharing;
- Developing their imagination – pretending to play with characters and objects;
- Sorting objects by size, shape, colour and matching jigsaw pieces;
- Messy play to develop your child's skills ready for writing;
- Big physical skills such as throwing, catching, climbing riding bikes and running.

As a parent you could:

- Attend adult education or another training course ;
- Access support looking for work.

I'm struggling to attend all the agreed hours what can I do?

- Speak to the provider and talk about how you might be able to change your hours
- Discuss the situation with your health visitor or social worker if you have one.

What might happen if my child doesn't attend for the hours agreed?

- The setting could reduce the hours your child attends
- The Council might ask the provider to remove your place at the setting
- Your child might not be able to take up a place at another setting.

There could be a number of reasons why your child doesn't attend as agreed but places on the two year old programme are limited so it is important you let the Provider know if your child cannot attend for whatever reason so their place is not offered to someone else.