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Dear Parent /Carer

This survey is for parents/carers who currently have one or more children between the ages of Birth - 4 years old.

Northumberland has been chosen as an early implementer for the roll out of 30 hours free childcare for eligible 3 and 4 year olds from September 2016, one year ahead of national roll out in September 2017. This means that some working parents/carers of 3 and 4 year olds in Northumberland may be eligible for an additional 15 hours free childcare in addition to the existing free 15 hours early education entitlement, if they meet certain criteria.

To help plan for this and ensure there are sufficient places available, we are carrying out surveys with providers and parents/carers to determine how many childcare places are currently available in the County and the potential need for additional hours from parents/carers.

The data we receive from this survey will be analysed and the results shared with the Department for Education and our childcare providers in Northumberland however, all your answers will be kept anonymous and you and your child/ren will not be identified in any reporting of this survey.

The survey can be found at the following link <http://goo.gl/forms/nnDRqFc8bL> and should be completed by Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May. It Should take approximately 10 minutes to complete.

Thank you for participating in our survey. Your feedback is very important to us.

Yours Sincerely

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