



# EARLY YEARS NEWS

## This week:



Updates



Planning with Children 2020



EAL Transition



E2 Eligibility Criteria update

## Care Inspectorate Quality Framework

The Care Inspectorate are issuing this Early Learning and Childcare Quality Framework to the sector to support you in the self-evaluation of your setting.

See [HERE](#) for the link.



## Planning with Children 2020



The refreshed guidance can be found on our Teams site. CEC staff can click [HERE](#) Partner providers can find the documents by going to the Teams site, clicking GENERAL channel, then FILES, then PLANNING, TRACKING MONITORING.

## EAL Transition leaflets

We're attaching translations of the information about The Smeds and The Smoos transition project. These are still very relevant to families, especially because they link to the activities the home

There are translations in Arabic, Polish, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Turkish and Romanian. Please share with your bilingual parents as appropriate.



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## E2 Eligibility Criteria update

Following changes to income thresholds for qualifying benefits (Universal Credit and Tax Credits) Income thresholds have been increased as follows:

- The annual household income threshold for Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit is now £ 16, 480 or below
- Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit with annual household of £7,500 or less
- Universal Credit with a monthly household earned income of £625 per month



Eligibility criteria have been extended to include children who are

- Care experienced or have a parent who is Care experienced
  - In temporary accommodation/homeless
- and parents who have
- Graduated from the Family Nurse Partnership (FNP)

## Scottish Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme

The Scottish Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme will replace the UK Nursery Milk Scheme in Scotland starting from 1 August 2021. The new scheme is supported by the Milk and Healthy Snack Scheme (Scotland) Regulations 2021 which began on 21 March 2021. This scheme is designed to improve the health and wellbeing of children.

Eligible settings; all Care Inspectorate registered settings such as Local Authority, private, voluntary independent, childminders. You **do not** need to be commissioned by City of Edinburgh Council to deliver funded ELC to receive payment under this scheme.

To start receiving payment **you need to complete the registration process**, providing the necessary forecasted uptake figures. The data you provide will be used to calculate the number of servings of milk and snack your setting would expect to provide and inform the advance payment amount.

You must be complete the form by **16 July 2021** to start receiving upfront payment from 1 August 2021.

If you do not complete the registration form before 16 July 2021, the next registration will open in October. Advance payment can only start from date of registration. Full details of the scheme and registration can be found [HERE](#)