**19th February 2024**

Dear Parent,

As you may be aware the Department for Education are looking to expand on the number of places for Wrap around Childcare across the country.

Wrap Around Childcare is the term that describes provision that is available for children before and after school to allow parents and carers to access work, education or training. The expectation is that this should be available from 8am before school and up to 6pm afterwards (unless local need indicates that different times are required.) Wrap Around is for the **purpose of childcare** and offers a variety of different activities for children. In this survey we do not need to know about ‘extra-curricular’ activities such as football or gymnastics club that your child may access. Wrap Around or ‘Out of School’ childcare may be offered by your child’s school or it could be provided by a private provider on a school site. In some cases, off site Wrap Around providers will offer a service to pick up children from school to take them to a different site. In some areas, this service may be covered by local childminders.

**We need your help!** Sefton Council want to understand more about the childcare needs of parents and carers of school aged children (5-11 years). We also want to know more about the quality and affordability of Wrap Around Childcare where you live. We need to assess whether the current supply of Wrap around Childcare is meeting local need and likely to meet the needs of families in the future. We are therefore, asking parents and carers to complete a short survey. This should take approximately 15 minutes to complete. This will help us shape services to meet local demand.

The easiest way to complete this survey is by using this link or QR code:

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If you would prefer to complete a paper copy, or complete over the phone, please contact me via email [kimberley.evans@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:kimberley.evans@sefton.gov.uk) or phone 07929742666.

Yours Sincerely,



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