



Early Years Survey report

In total
272



completed responses were received which represents **22%** of all providers within Nottinghamshire.

Just over half
(53%)

of responses received from the survey were from childminders



prepare and cook meals from scratch within onsite kitchen

You Said

49% of providers said they would be interested in knowing more about **fussy feeders** and tips to overcome this.



We did

We are purchasing **170** licences for Early Years practitioners to access Loughborough University's **Child feeding guide training**.



You Said

63% of respondents asked for sessions/training to be delivered as on-line **E-learning**



We did

Over the next **6 months** we will be working with the Early Years sector and school meals colleagues to develop a **Community of Practice** based on **Food & Nutrition**



We did

Child Feeding guide training will be accessed through a virtual platform



You Said

183 respondents said they would be interested in being part of a **community of practice**



You Said

49% of providers were not aware of the **Healthy Start** scheme with **76%** of providers "not knowing" where the **Healthy Start** food distribution points were in their area.



You Said

53% of providers were not aware of the **Eat Better Start Better** Voluntary Food and Drink Guidelines



We did

We will work together with the Early Years sector to increase awareness of the guidelines and support implementation.



We did

We will ensure the Early Years providers have up to date and regular information to support families in accessing the **Healthy Start** scheme.

You Said

Time and cost were a significant barrier for childminders in providing hot meals for their children



You Said

Around a third of respondents were interested in an awards scheme based around food provision for the Early Years



We did

We will work with **Food for Life** to support **7** settings throughout Nottinghamshire to meet the criteria to achieve the **Food for Life** early years award.



We did

We will work with the school meals service to consider options such as collecting hot meals from a school or delivered to the door by our **Meals on Wheels** service.

