

Glossary (alphabetical)

The table below provides an explanation of some of the key terms that we use in our consultation questionnaires.

Term	Definition
Book Reading Week	An annual event which takes place normally in July. A series of events are planned to promote and encourage children to use books. Activities include storytelling sessions.
Consultation	This is when the council asks children, young people and parents what they think about something the council is planning to do or change.
Crèche facilities	Childcare provision for children whose parents are accessing groupwork courses, for example adult learning or parenting classes.
Current legislation and statutory guidance	Legislation and statutory guidance are documents that are agreed by central government and tell the council what it must or should do in relation to its work.
Drop-in sessions	This means a child, young person or parent can attend an activity or go to a children centre for advice without making an appointment. They can just turn up, but may have to wait for a short while.
Early help	This means a service aims to work <i>early</i> in terms of the age of the child, and <i>early</i> in terms of an issue arising, to support the health and wellbeing needs of children and families and to stop an issue getting more serious and needing the support of children's social care (social care for short).
Education and Children's Service	This is a council service that works to provide the majority of services for children, young people and families in Leicester. For example it is responsible for children centres and social care services. It is also responsible for the adventure playgrounds. The Education and Children's Service also supports other organisations that work for and with children, young people and families, for example, schools, police and hospitals.
External organisations	In question 2 this means a non-council organisation. Examples could be the police, the NHS, a Ltd company or charity.
Family Information Directory	The Family Information Directory contains information, advice and guidance aimed at helping parents, carers, young people and professionals with many aspects of family life.
Grant	This is when the Council provides an organisation with a sum of money to support the organisations aims and objectives. The organisation has to enter into a grant funding agreement which sets out the terms and conditions on which the grant is provided.

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Health visitors	Health visitors work in the community to promote good health and prevent illness. They spend a lot of their day visiting people in their homes, especially new parents and children.
Looked After Children	'Looked after children' are children where the council takes on parental responsibility for them and they are taken into care.
National Citizen Service	<p>National Citizen Service (NCS) is open to all 16 and 17-year-olds in England.</p> <p>It helps young people build their skills for work and life, while they take on new challenges and meet new friends.</p> <p>It runs in the spring, summer and autumn. Young people have a short time away from home and take part in a team project that will help your community.</p> <p>Participants develop a social action project to deal with a local issue they're passionate about, and spend 30 hours putting the project into action in their community. This service works with NCS to develop social action projects benefitting local communities.</p> <p>Further information is available here: https://www.gov.uk/government/get-involved/take-part/national-citizen-service</p>
National Play Day	<p>The national day for play takes place on the first Wednesday in August. It is a celebration of children's right to play, and a campaign that highlights the importance of play in children's lives.</p> <p>Further information is available here: http://www.playday.org.uk/</p>
PEEP	PEEP stands for Peers Early Education Partnership. This is a 5 week course introducing mums, dads and carers to children's early learning and development through making the most of everyday activities and interaction.
Personal education plans	All children looked after must have a Personal Education Plan (PEP) which is reviewed regularly. The plan helps those involved in a looked after child's education to plan and support better educational outcomes.

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Play	<p>The word 'play' can mean different things. One definition is that 'play is what children and young people do when they follow their own ideas and interests, in their own way and for their own reasons'. Play is a way that children express themselves, learn new things and develop their skills.</p> <p>More information is available here: http://www.playengland.org.uk/media/71062/charter-for-childrens-play.pdf</p>
Pre-schools	Council run childcare provision for children aged 2, 3 and 4, operates in term time only.
Public Health's Healthy Child Programme (HCP)	A partnership programme involving the council's Public Health and Early Help teams. The service is delivered by a non-council provider, that provides health visiting, which is an early intervention and prevention public health service for all children aged 0-5, and the family nurse partnership, which provides parenting support for first time mothers under the age of 20.
School holidays	<p>There are six school-holiday periods over the year starting from the Autumn term.</p> <p>More information is available here: http://www.leicester.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-and-colleges/term-dates/</p>
School nursing services	School nurses work closely with pupils, parents, carers and teachers, offering support and advice on a range of health issues.
Social Care	Social care or children's social care is often known as social services. Under law, it provides children, young people and families with the highest level of needs with a social worker to support them. Some children may be assessed as a child in need of support or protection. Social care is also responsible for 'looked after children' – these are children where the council takes on parental responsibility for a child and they are taken into care.
Stay and Play	See section 17 where this term is explained.
Supervised play	These are play activities for children and young people that are organised by an experienced play worker. The play worker organises the activity to ensure that all children and young people can get the most from it, including, for example, how to take turns and assess risk and play safely. This compares to activities in the park, which are not supervised, unless by a sibling or parental figure.
Two year funded early education entitlement	The Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) is a government grant that enables all children aged three and four, and eligible two year-olds, to have free nursery education each year until they reach compulsory school age
Volunteering	A volunteer is someone who willingly gives up their time without pay to help people, the community and the environment.