

30 hours Free Childcare Parental Demand Survey

From September 2017 the Early Years Free Entitlement will be extended to up to 30 hours of free childcare for working parents to enable them where they wish to return to work or work additional hours.

To help us plan for these forthcoming changes, please complete the questions below:

Please note that;

- All answers provided in this survey will be kept confidential and no respondent nor their dependent(s) will be identified in any reporting of the survey.
- This survey will take approximately 10 minutes to complete

A. Eligibility for 30 hours Entitlement

Please provide answers to questions below for yourself (and partner where applicable).
Please tick all that apply:

| | <i>Please Tick (Respondent)</i> | <i>Please Tick (Partner)</i> |
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| Lone parent | | |
| Working full-time (30 or more hours per week), including self-employed | | |
| Working part-time (16-29 hours per week), including self-employed | | |
| Working part-time (1-15 hours per week), including self-employed | | |
| Employed but away from the workplace for parental leave, maternity leave, paternity leave, or adoption leave | | |
| On a Government training scheme (e.g. the Work Programme) | | |
| Unemployed and looking for work | | |
| Unemployed and not looking for work | | |
| Looking after the home/family or someone else who is not a family member | | |
| Retired | | |
| Student | | |
| Long term sick or disabled | | |
| Other(please specify) | | |

B. Total household income:

What is your total household income per year that is income from all sources including benefits, before tax and other deductions?

| | <i>Please Tick</i> |
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| Up to £16,190 | |
| £16,191 to £50,000 | |
| £50,001 to £99,999 | |
| £100,000 to £150,000 | |
| £150,001 to £199,999 | |
| £200,000 or more | |
| Don't know | |

C. Core questions

Please note that in answering the questions below if you have more than one eligible child, please complete the survey in reference to the youngest eligible child.

| Current Childcare use | |
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| <p>1. Has your child regularly (i.e. at least once a week) received any childcare in the past 6 months from any of the following providers?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please tick any which apply</p> | |
| Nursery school ¹ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Nursery class attached to primary or infants' school ² | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Special day school or nursery or unit for children with special educational needs ³ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Day nursery ⁴ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pre-school ⁵ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Childminder | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Breakfast club, after school club/ activities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Holiday club/scheme | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Nanny or au pair</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Ex-partner / the child's other parent who does not live in this household</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>The child's grandparent(s)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>The child's older brother/sister</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Another relative</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>A friend or neighbour</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| <i>Other (please specify)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| If your answer is "No" please go to Q3 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

¹ Nursery school is a school in its own right, with most children aged 3 to 5. Sessions normally run for 2 ½ to 3 hours in the morning and/or afternoon.

² Nursery class attached to a primary or infants' school is often a separate unit within the school, with those in the nursery class aged 3 or 4. Sessions normally run for 2 ½ to 3 hours in the morning and/or afternoon.

³ Special day school/nursery or unit for children with special educational needs is a nursery, school or unit for children with special educational needs.

⁴ Day nursery runs for the whole working day and may be closed for a few weeks in summer, if at all. This may be run by employers, private companies, community/voluntary group or the Local Authority, and can take children who are a few months to 5-years-old.

⁵ The term 'pre-school' is commonly used to describe many types of nursery education. For the purposes of this survey, pre-school is used to describe a type of playgroup. This service is often run by a community/voluntary group, parents themselves, or privately. Fees are usually charged, with sessions of up to 4 hours.

2. (a) On average how many hours per week in total does your child normally spend at your childcare provider(s)?

- 6 or fewer hours per week
- 7 - 14 hours per week
- 15 hours a week
- 16 – 20 hours per week
- 21 – 25 hours per week
- 26 – 30 hours per week
- 31 – 40 hours per week
- 41 or more hours per week
- It varies considerably
- Don't know

2b. On average how much money in total per week or month, if any, do you think you spend on childcare?

- None
- Up to £10 a week or £40 a month
- £11-£20 a week or £44-£80 a month
- £21-£40 a week or £84-£160 a month
- £41-£60 a week or £164-££240 a month
- £61-£100 a week or £244-£400 a month
- £101-££160 a week or £404-£640 a month
- More than £161 a week or £644 a month

3. (a) The government currently provides 15 hours of free childcare per term-time week for all 3- and 4-year-olds and some 2-year-olds. Do you currently receive any free hours under this offer?

- Yes (go to Q4) No (go to Q3b)

3b. If you answered “No” to Q3, has your child previously received free childcare under the government’s 15 hours of free childcare offer?

Yes (go to Q4d)

No (go to Q3c)

3c. Why doesn’t your child currently receive the 15 hours free childcare?

[after answering Q3c please go to Q5]

4. (a) On average, how many of the free 15 hours are you currently using per week?

- 1 - 3 hours per week
- 4 - 6 hours per week
- 7 - 9 hours per week
- 10 - 12 hours per week
- 13 – 14 hours per week
- 15 hours per week

4b. On which days of the week does your child receive the free 15 hours? (Tick all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Monday</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Friday</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Tuesday</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Saturday</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Wednesday</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Sunday</i> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Thursday</i> | |

4c. Would you like to have childcare during weekends?

- Yes* *No*

4d. Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way you are able to use the 15-hour free childcare? *By this we mean the days and times the hours are available.*

- Satisfied Dissatisfied
- Very Satisfied Very dissatisfied

If you ticked Dissatisfied or Very dissatisfied, are there any specific reasons why?

5. How likely is it that you will use the 30 hours for your child if it was available to you now or when your child becomes eligible?

- Definitely would
- Very likely
- Not Sure
- Unlikely
- Definitely not

5b. What is the reason for your answer in Q5

6. (a) How many of the ADDITIONAL 15 free hours of childcare per week would you use?

- 1-5 hours per week
- 6-10 hours per week
- 11-14 hours per week
- 15 hours per week

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| <p>7. Which of the statements below will apply to you in the use of some or all of the 30 free hours of childcare? Please tick any which are true</p> | |
| I would use more than one childcare provider in order to use the additional free hours if my current provider could only deliver 15 hours. | |
| I would switch to another provider to use the full 30 hours if my current provider could only deliver 15 hours. | |
| I do not currently use formal childcare but would consider using formal childcare such as a nursery, a pre-school or a childminder for my child if I could use 30 free hours of childcare. | |
| I am currently working and I would increase my hours at work or look for another job if I was able to use the additional 15 free hours of childcare per week. | |

D. Additional Questions on SEND

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| <p>8. Do you have a child with any special educational needs and/or disabilities?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (please state below) <input type="checkbox"/> No (go to Q13)</p> <p>Please tick below which type of disability;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Physical Impairment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sensory Impairment</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Learning Disability / Difficulty</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Long-standing Illness</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Condition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Autistic Spectrum</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Developmental Condition</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> |
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9. How easy was it to find a suitable childcare provider for your child with special educational needs and/or a disability?

- Very easy
- Easy
- Neither easy nor difficult
- Difficult
- Very difficult

10. (a) Were you able to access childcare at the times and dates that were suitable for your child with special educational needs and/or a disability?

- Yes (go to Q11) No (go to Q.10b)

10b. If you answered "No" to Q10, were there any specific reasons why? (please describe)

11. How confident are you in your childcare provider's ability to sufficiently meet the needs of your child with special educational needs and/or a disability? Please circle

- Very confident Confident Unsure Not very confident
- Not at all confident

If not confident, are there any specific reasons why?

12. Is there anything in particular you would like the Department for Education or your Local Authority to do to better support you as a parent of a child with special educational needs and/ or disabilities?

E. Your Details

13. Please provide us the details below.

Your home postcode:.....

Name of setting(s) your child attends:.....

Thank you for your feedback.