

Early Years Education Free Entitlement Bulletin



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Free for 2's Eligibility

We have been issuing FF2s April start eligibility letters for some time and September eligibility letters will be issued shortly.

Please be reminded that two-year old places should be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. **This means avoiding telling parents of 'waiting lists' or that places 'may' be available** at a later time. Instead you are asked to support families to access provision elsewhere if you have no vacancies or if the hours you offer are not suitable.

Our research shows that parents who are waiting for unconfirmed places eventually lose out on **their child's funding entitlement** should places not become available at the setting of their choice.

By signposting them to another provider, we can ensure that families do not lose out. For your convenience, you can view or download a list of FF2 Providers in Haringey here: www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/childcare-and-early-years/childcare-costs/free-early-education/free-early-learning-two-year-olds

Alternatively, you can contact your local children's centre who will be able to broker a childcare place. You can view or download a list of Haringey's Children Centres here: www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/childcare-and-early-years/childrens-centres

Funding for 2017-18

Universal Base Rate

We can confirm that the universal base rate will be applicable to all providers of the free early education offer for three and four year olds at an hourly rate of **£4.88 per hour per child**.

In addition to this base rate, providers may attract a deprivation supplement, which will be reflected in the total hourly rate received and is dependent on the individual circumstances of children attending their settings.

Indicative budgets

All providers should have received their indicative budgets. If you have any queries please contact us at earlyyearsproviders@haringey.gov.uk

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Online Eligibility Checker System

We have successfully secured a £20k grant funding from Department of Education which will contribute to the cost of implementing an enhanced online Eligibility Checker System.

This enhanced system will allow us to check eligibility across the 2 year old offer, Early Years Pupil Premium and the new 30Hour Offer.

More details regarding guidance and training will be given nearer to the time.

Expression of interest form – 30hrs Offer

The Council has a statutory duty to provide up to date information to parents about childcare and early education. To meet these statutory requirements we need all providers intending to offer the extended 30 hours entitlement and who have not already shared their business plans with us, to complete an [expression of interest form](#).

The information from your business plans or the expression of interest form will then be used to create a refreshed directory of providers. The list of providers will be published on our website by mid May. Please ensure you complete the form and return to earlyyearsprovider@haringey.gov.uk by the deadline of 28 April 2017.

Launch of new Childcare Choices website

Childcare Choices, is a new government website providing parents with a single point of information for all the government funded childcare offers, including the two new offers: 30hours free childcare and Tax Free Childcare.

The introduction of the government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme will begin on 28 April, for parents of the youngest children. It will be gradually rolled out over 2017. In addition, from September this year parents will be able to apply for a new 30 hours free childcare offer.

The Childcare Choices website includes a Childcare Calculator (www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator) for parents to compare all the government's childcare offers and check what works best for their families.

Parents can now pre-register at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. They can also pre-register for email alerts that will notify them when they can apply, as well as providing details of existing government childcare offers.

Disability Access Fund (DAF) and The Inclusion Fund

Information and guidance on our updated inclusion fund will be published on our website by May 2017. The Inclusion Fund supports 3 and 4 year old children with, lower level Special Educational Needs, to access their free entitlement.

The updated information will include guidance on the Disability Access Fund (DAF) which is a new fund that providers can claim if they require financial assistance to make changes to the physical environment or to purchase of equipment; enabling a 3 and 4 year old child with a disability to access their free entitlement.

The funding available will be a fixed amount of £615.00 per child and can be claimed where a child is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance.

It is important to note that the Inclusion and DAF Funds cannot be claimed for 4 year old children in school reception classes.

Parents Champion Scheme

Haringey Parents Champion Scheme delivered a workshop at the Family & Childcare Trust National Conference on the 14th March 2017.

One of the Haringey's Champions, Mihriban Tanyildiz, was one of four shortlisted for the Parent Champion of the Year Award out of over 30 schemes active nationally.

We are planning to train more Champions to come on board and work with children's centres, early years providers and other professionals to encourage take up of the free entitlement for 2 to 4 year olds in Haringey. The date for the FREE training are:

Wednesday 10th May and Monday 15th May 2017 from 9:30 to 11:30 am at Triangle Children's Centre, St. Ann's Road, N15 crèche facilities will be provided.

To book a place or to learn more about the scheme email EarlyYearsProvider@haringey.gov.uk.

Making the 30hours offer work – Provider Champions

To ensure that the implementation of the 30hours offer is a success, we need the input of providers throughout the whole process.

Therefore we would like to develop a team of Provider Champions who will play a key role in helping us to shape and implement the 30 hours offer over the coming months.

If you are interested in becoming a Providers Champion please email earlyyearsprovider@haringey.gov.uk.

Further information

Please visit the new 'Preparing for 30 hours free childcare' web pages where you can find up to date information and useful resources to support you;

<http://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/childcare-and-early-years/working-childcare/preparing-30-hours-free-childcare>