

### 30hrs application process goes live

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, the HMRC digital Childcare system went live, enabling parents to apply for Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours.

*What can you as providers do to help?*

- Direct parents to; <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow> to check eligibility and apply for 30hrs.
- Advise parents to use the DfE 30hours Eligibility Guide to help them **understand if they're** eligible; <http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility>.

Please note that parents will not need to apply through the digital childcare service if they only want to claim the universal 15 hours entitlement for three and four year olds.

### Early years entitlement: operational guidance

The DfE released their Early Years entitlement operational guidance on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April, as a **guide to help local authorities and providers understand in more detail the DfE's expectations** about how the free entitlements should be delivered.

[Click here](#) to view a full version of the DfE Early Years Entitlement Operational Guidance

While the online Electronic Checking System (ECS) is being developed, we have put in place an interim procedure for providers that will be offering 30hour places in September 2017;  
[http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/30\\_hour\\_validation\\_process\\_20170427.pdf](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/30_hour_validation_process_20170427.pdf)

(Please read and circulate this letter to all staff.)

To further support providers we have compiled a list of frequently asked questions;  
[http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/30hrs\\_faq\\_providers.pdf](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/30hrs_faq_providers.pdf)

*(both documents have been attached to the email)*

# Early Years Education Free Entitlement Bulletin



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## Admission principles

From previous engagements we understand that a number of providers have concerns on how to manage admissions, and they would like some guidance in this area.

To address this concern we would like to engage with all providers to develop a set of agreed admission principles that can be guidelines that all settings can adopt.

## Tax-Free Childcare - Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR)

To receive Tax-Free Childcare payments, childcare providers need to sign up with their UTR. As advised by HRMC, all local authority maintained settings will need to use their Local Authorities UTR, while private settings use their own.

However as local authorities are not a typical business that pays tax, we do not have a traditional UTR, hence the delay in providing details to our maintained settings. We are liaising with HRMC to resolve this issue and will confirm details asap.

For more information regarding Tax-Free Childcare please visit;  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-free-childcare-top-things-childcare-providers-should-know>

## Reminder - Parents Champion Scheme

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 10<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:EarlyYearsProvider@haringey.gov.uk).

### Provider Champions - Making the 30hours offer work

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](mailto: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>