

Engagement with parents – Preparing for 30 hours

On Monday 19 June HRMC had issued 313 valid codes to Haringey parents eligible for 30-hours childcare, to date we have validated only 65 codes (just about 21%). Nationally only 13% of issued codes have been validated by LAs to secure an early year's place.

We are up-to-date with submitted validation. Therefore, we require providers to encourage parents to not only sign up for 30 hours but to also present their code to their chosen setting as soon as possible. After which providers must then submit the codes to the LA promptly.

Please remember that codes become valid when they are issued NOT WHEN THEY ARE VALIDATED, therefore all providers need to encourage parents need to realise that there is no gain in them holding on to them so must submit their codes as soon as possible by the end of term.

If you have not already begun communicating with your parents, please see link to a template letter that you can use to engage with parents/carers;
http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/providers_letter_to_parents_template.docx

Inclusion Fund

Haringey's Inclusion Fund was relaunched on 21st June and will work alongside the new **Disability Access Fund**. These funds have been established to support 3 and 4-year-old children to access their free entitlement. The application and review paperwork has also been simplified.

The full document detailing the processes and procedures will be published shortly on the Local Offer website; <http://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/children-and-young-people-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-our-local-offer>.

For more information, you can speak to your local allocated Inclusion Officer.

Providers Toolkit

**** Coming Soon ****

An interactive toolkit to support you with the process of offering the 30 **hours'** free entitlement. It will act as your one stop shop for information and useful documents.

The toolkit will be published on the [Preparing for 30 hours web page](#) by mid-July. The toolkit will offer you a step by step guide on how to prepare and provide 30 hours.

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Case study – 30 hours Pilot

One of the early year's providers in Hertfordshire describe their experience of piloting the 30 hours' initiative;

<https://khub.net/documents/6508223/34001741/Little+Blue+Van/7969efcf-38b2-481e-8845-1cf8bfcd6fbb>

Eligibility Checker System – IT update

Implementation for the IT upgrade has commenced.

There are initial plans to perform testing in July, where we would call on the help of those that have showed interested in becoming a Provider Champion.

A Go live date is planned for September with a training programme being offered to providers from August until end September.

Reminder - Childminder Champions

Are you a childminder and worrying about your sustainability with the introduction of the 30 hours' free entitlement?

We have childminder champions who are supporting other childminders look at their business models and plan for the future. If you are interested in having another childminder support you please email marie.henry@haringey.gov.uk who will arrange this support.'

Parent Champions – New web page

The Haringey's Parents Champion Programme has now finalised the training of the second cohort of parents' champions who will be talking to families about the free entitlements including the new 30 hour offer and supporting them to access places as well as sign posting them to local services. A new web page has now been published providing information on the programme and how to sign up as a parent champion;

www.haringey.gov.uk/jobs-and-training/training-and-apprenticeships/volunteering/parent-champion-volunteers

Please promote this web page to all your parents.

Further information

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Please visit our 'Preparing for 30 hours and Tax-Free childcare' web page 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>