

### Engagement with parents – Validating codes during summer holiday

To date HRMC have issued 475 valid codes to Haringey parents eligible for 30-hours childcare, compared to 254 codes that we have validated (approx. 51%).

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 us by **18<sup>th</sup> August**, to ensure that parents will be able to receive their 30 hours free entitlement.

As per our email dated 19<sup>th</sup> July we will holding a number of Parent Information Sessions during the summer holiday to offer face to face support and validate 30 hour eligible codes. Please promote these sessions among your parents/carers; <http://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/childcare-and-early-years/childcare-costs/free-early-learning-education/30-hours-free-childcare/parent-information-sessions>

### Message from DfE

**Guaranteed first term** – Department of Education (DfE) have given reassurance that if parents lose eligibility before September, they will be permitted to take up the additional 15 hours for the autumn term only and funding will be provided by the DfE to cover the cost of this commitment.

Please use the link to access the FAQ sheet for more information on DfE's commitment to guarantee 30 hours funding for the Autumn term;  
[www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/guaranteed\\_first\\_term\\_qa.pdf](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/guaranteed_first_term_qa.pdf)

**Eligibility** - Remember a child is eligible to start their 30 hours place the term following their third birthday or the term following the date they received their code, whichever is later. Parents can reserve a place for their child with you prior to the code being checked, but the code must be checked/verified before the child can take up their place.

**Four year-olds** - Eligible parents of 4 year-olds are now able to apply for 30 hours free childcare and Tax-Free Childcare through the Childcare Service [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk). **Reminder** that only parents of 4 year-olds, **who will not be attending** reception in a state-funded school in September, should apply for 30 hours free childcare. Parents who have already completed a childcare service application for their 4 year-old (because they have been able to access the service due to having a younger child), need not apply again.

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## Providers Toolkit

\*\*\*\* Now Available \*\*\*\*

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. This can be found on the providers 'Preparing for 30 hours and Tax free childcare' web page;  
<http://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/childcare-and-early-years/working-childcare/preparing-30-hours-free-childcare>

## Estimates Submission Autumn 2017 – Quick Guide

We have devised a quick guide to help you submit your estimates in September for the upcoming 2017 Autumn Term in September;  
[www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/quick\\_guide\\_estimates\\_submission\\_autumn\\_2017.pdf](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/quick_guide_estimates_submission_autumn_2017.pdf)

## Amended Parental Agreement Form

Please follow link to see the amended parental agreement form template that you can use;  
[www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/parental\\_agreement\\_form\\_july\\_17.pdf](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/parental_agreement_form_july_17.pdf)

## Accessing HMRC website

HMRC have received a high volume of calls from parents asking how they can access their childcare account after they have applied for 30 hours funding.

Please familiarise yourself the following guidance and circulate to parents;  
[http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/how\\_parents\\_can\\_sign-in\\_or\\_access\\_their\\_childcare\\_service\\_account.pdf](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/how_parents_can_sign-in_or_access_their_childcare_service_account.pdf)

## Eligibility Checker System – IT update

Implementation for the IT upgrade is underway and we are still on schedule for a Go Live date early September.

We will need the support of Provider Champions and any other volunteers to help with testing mid-**August**. If you haven't already shown an interest in becoming a Provider Champion but are keen to be involved in the testing please email us at the [earlyyearsprovider@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:earlyyearsprovider@haringey.gov.uk) requesting to be added to our list of testers.

### 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](mailto:marie.henry@haringey.gov.uk) who will arrange this support.'

### Parent Champions – update

Many of our new cohort of Parent Champion Volunteers (PCVs) have now completed their training and checks and have started to make links with families and providers – helping to support families to access 2,3 and 4yr old places. For examples, we have seen an increase in FF2 applications citing Parent Champion Volunteers as being how they heard about the offer. Our Parent Champions are also talking to families about the 30 hour offer.

The next meeting with our PCVs will be in September. Our regular meetings are very useful, particularly for feedback purposes around what families are saying about the free entitlement offers. Any parental concerns or barriers to take up can then be addressed by having a more targeted script for our Parent Champions outreach work and our marketing strategies.

For more information visit; <http://www.haringey.gov.uk/jobs-and-training/training-and-apprenticeships/volunteering/parent-champion-volunteers>

### Further information

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.