

Early Years Education Free Entitlement Bulletin



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30 hour Provider Portal Training

The upgraded provider portal is due to go live week beginning 18th September 2017, therefore from Tuesday 19th September the system will be off line for approximately 2-3 days.

We will deliver provider portal training on the new 30hour module, at the Haringey Professional Development Centre, Downhills Park Rd, London N17 6AR on the following dates:

Day	Time am	Time pm	Audience	Room
4 th October 2017	9.00 to 12.00noon	1.00 to 4.00pm	Schools and PVIs	G4
5 th October 2017	9.00 to 12.00noon	1.00 to 4.00pm	Schools and PVIs	G4
10 th October 2017	9.00 to 12.00noon	1.00 to 4.00pm	Schools and PVIs	G7
11 th October 2017	9.00 to 12.00noon	1.00 to 4.00pm	Schools and PVIs	G7
12 th October 2017	9.00 to 12.00noon	1.00 to 4.00pm	Schools and PVIs	Lower Hall

You will be required to attend a morning or afternoon session. There is a maximum of two attendees per setting.

Please confirm day and session you will be attending by emailing earlyyearsprovider@haringey.gov.uk asap to secure a space.

30 hours Eligibility Codes

To date HRMC have issued 874 valid codes to Haringey parents eligible for 30-hours childcare, compared to 712 codes that we have validated.

Reminder any parents that did not registered for a code or have it sent for validation before **31st August** will not be eligible to receive the 30hours free entitlement for September. They will have wait for the following term beginning in January 2018 to claim up to 30hours. They will automatically be eligible for up to 15 hours free entitlement.

Support with childcare

We understand that some parents find the various childcare payments confusing. Therefore, we have produced the below childcare costs fact sheets, as a simple and useful resource for all childcare providers, partners, parent champions and outreach workers to help inform, whilst also signposting our families to the various government childcare benefits available to them.

- www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/help_with_childcare_costs_while_you_study.pdf
- www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/help_with_childcare_costs_while_you_work.pdf

Also, a Haringey webpage dedicated to help with childcare costs is coming soon - there will be updates once it goes live.

Messages from DfE

Compensation for Parents

As you will be aware some parents have been unable to access Tax Free Childcare through their childcare accounts for technical reasons. These parents may be able to claim compensation, and get the government top-up as a one-off payment. There is also the possibility of the government refunding costs caused by the service not working as it should.

HMRC has put together some guidance and an online form for parents to help them make a compensation claim:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/childcare-service-compensation>

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

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.

Reminder that only parents of 4 year-olds, **who will not be attending** reception in a state-funded school in September, should apply for 30hours 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.

30hours Promotion

We are pleased to confirm that the 30hrs promotional banners are ready for collection if you are offering the 30hours free entitlement offer and would like one of the banners please contact us on 020 8489 5230/8607 to arrange a collection time.

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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, to check their 30hour code and reconfirm their eligibility

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

Free for 2s Provider Admission Process

The FF2s Provider Admissions Process has been updated, please visit the Childcare Business web page for details;

<http://www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/childcare-and-early-years/working-childcare/childcare-business>

www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/ff2_provider_admissions_process.pdf

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 – 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.