

Early Years Education Free Entitlement Bulletin



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Census

IMPORTANT REMINDER: The January census will soon be upon us and we would like to remind all settings offering free early education places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds of the importance of completing the census as fully as possible and in a timely manner.

All of your census submissions are used by Department of Education (DfE) and the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to determine how much funding Haringey is allocated for early years. Without this information, or if this information is incomplete, our funding, and therefore the amount of money available to meet the needs of young children in the borough will be reduced. Your full participation in the census process is VITAL. Failure to do so may impact on the funding allocation you receive.

We will be providing more information and support to complete the census so we can ensure that everyone is able to meet this statutory requirement.

Offering 30 hours

To date a total of 92 providers are offering 30hrs, which provides a total of 1,419 potential places. Please see updated list of Providers offering 30 hours;
http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/fee_for3-4s-list_of_haringey_providers-30hrformat-18-10-17.pdf

With the January term quickly approaching, the aim is to encourage the vast majority of parents to either apply for a 30 hours code or reconfirm their eligibility by the end of November so they can get their code in good time before the Christmas holidays.

Please also remind parents that they need to reconfirm their eligibility every 3 months where they already have a 30 hours code.

Please share the following guidelines with parents to help them access their account to reconfirm eligibility;
http://www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/how_parents_can_sign-in_or_access_their_childcare_service_account.pdf

We still have a number of the 30 hour promotional banners and posters ready for collection if you are offering 30 hours free entitlement. **Please contact us on 0208 489 5230 or 0208 489 8607 to arrange a collection time.**

If you are interested in offering 30 hours (now or in 2018), or already delivering 30hours and haven't informed us, please complete and return an [expression of interest form](#) so that we can update our records and ensure you have access to the upgraded provider portal required for delivering 30 hours.

Provider Portal

The upgraded Childcare Provider Portal is now live and allows all registered Haringey providers to complete, manage and submit funding and related information in a quick and simple way.

Visit our webpage for direct link and guidance information; <http://www.haringey.gov.uk/provider>

Access to the Provider Portal will only be granted at the request of the manager by email via earlyyearsprovider@haringey.gov.uk and once training has been completed.

Messages from DfE – 30 hours

Temporary codes

The childcare service helpline issued temporary codes to eligible parents who applied/tried to apply by 31 August but experienced technical difficulties.

In preparation for the next term, from the end of October HMRC will begin to issue letters to parents with temporary codes to invite them to complete a childcare service application to receive their permanent 30 hours code ahead of January. Parents will then need to give the new 30 hours code to you, their provider, to secure their 30 hours place for the spring term.

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.

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>

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.

Help with childcare cost – new website

We are pleased to inform you that we have created two new web pages for your information, convenience and for signposting families to;

1. Help with Childcare Costs – while you work
2. Help with Childcare Costs – while you study.

Please follow link to view;

www.haringey.gov.uk/children-and-families/childcare-and-early-years/help-childcare-costs

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.'

DfE Director meets Haringey's Parent Champions

Haringey's Parent Champions had the opportunity to meet Michelle Dyson, Director of Early Years and Childcare at the Department for Education. This was Michelle's **first visit to a Parent Champions scheme**.

Follow the link to read the full article; <https://www.familyandchildcaretrust.org/when-parent-champion-mihriban-met-director-early-years-and-childcare>

The Parent Champions scheme in Haringey was started in the summer of 2016 by the Early Help Commissioning team. Parent Champions are parent volunteers who give a few hours a week to talk to other parents about the local services available to families. The scheme aims to reach out into areas of the borough where there is low engagement with free entitlement and other services.

For more information about the Haringey Parent Champion Scheme please visit; <http://www.haringey.gov.uk/jobs-and-training/training-and-apprenticeships/volunteering/parent-champion-volunteers>

For 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.