

Healthy Early Years London

Haringey Council has signed up to Healthy Early Years London (HEYL), an awards scheme funded by the Mayor of London, which supports and recognises achievements in child health, wellbeing and education in early **year's** settings.

Building on the success of Healthy Schools London, HEYL will help to reduce health inequalities by supporting a healthy start to life across themes that include healthy eating, oral and physical health and early cognitive development.

The 4 levels of Awards - HEYL First Steps, Bronze, Silver and Gold - can be used to improve and support practice in all Early Years settings:

- private, voluntary and independent nurseries
- early **learning and day care in children's centres**
- childminders
- Early Years in schools including schools with two-year old provision
- nursery schools
- crèches and playgroups

If you would like more information and to sign up for the Healthy Early Years London scheme, please register to attend one of our engagement sessions;

Hornsey Library,
Haringey Park, N8 9JA
Monday 9th July 2018
10am – 12pm

Cypriot Community Centre,
Earlham Grove, Wood Green N22 5HJ
Monday 9th July 2018
1pm – 3pm

Welbourne Primary School,
Stainby Road, London N15 4EA
Thursday 12th July 2018
10am – 12pm

To secure a place please email early_years@haringey.gov.uk

30 hours Free Childcare

Start of new term – September 2018

With the Autumn (September) term quickly approaching, the following actions are required to ensure parents receive their 30 hours free entitlement;



Foster Care accessing 30 hours

From September 2018, DfE will be extending 30 hours free childcare to children in foster care under certain circumstances. The revised statutory guidance for local authorities will outline the process. We will update providers and parents accordingly on the new procedures.

Delivery Support Fund

Haringey is one of the 59 Local Authorities to receive funds from DfE to support the further development of their IT systems. The aim of the funding is to improve the ECS by introducing a seamless process for parents to register for 30hours and secure their place with their chosen childcare provider.

We foresee the new system going live in February 2019, leading up to this date there will be opportunities to take part in number of consultations all to take part

Grace Period

The 'grace period' is the period that funding will continue after parents cease to meet the eligibility criteria. During the grace period we will continue fund a child's 30 hours place for a set period of time to enable parents time to prepare;

Date parent receives ineligible decision on reconfirmation	Grace Period end date
1 st Jan – 10 th Feb	31 st March
11 th Feb – 31 st March	31 st August
1 st April – 26 th May	31 st August
27 th May – 31 st August	31 st December
1 st September – 21 st October	31 st December

If a parent falls into their grace period before their child has started a 30 hours place, they should not take up their place. However, a child is able to take up a place in their grace period if they fall out eligibility in the period following the 31st termly deadline (31st August, 31st December or 31st March).

Accessing HMRC website

HMRC still continue to receive 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 with 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 (FF2)

Online FF2 application form

We would like to remind providers to direct parents applying for a FF2 place to the new webform that has been 'live' since December 2017; <http://www.haringey.gov.uk/free-early-learning-education>.

The Early Years Team is still receiving a significant number of old paper forms. We will no longer be accepting paper application forms. There are several reasons for this including: receiving several incomplete paper forms, forms with illegible handwriting and paper forms taking longer to process (as they have to arrive via the post and then be manually entered into our new FF2 database). We also want to encourage families to be computer literate, and applying via a webform fits with that overarching strategy.

Therefore, any paper application forms now received will be returned directly to the provider (or to the family if the provider cannot be identified), along with a request to apply online via the webform.

FF2 eligibility letters

The format of the letters that parents receive has changed since the last bulletin. The letters now include less identifiable information about the child, in response to data protection concerns.

Universal Credit

We have drafted an information sheet for parents about how universal credit will affect parents applying for a FF2 place. These sheets can be found on Haringey's website:

- [Free Early Learning for Two-year-olds](#) – parent information sheet PDF link can be found alongside the Universal Credit criteria
- [Childcare Business](#) – provider information sheet PDF can be found under 'Resources for Providers' section

Monthly Payments

To better support childcare providers with cash flow and sustainability, the Early Education and Childcare Statutory Guidance, March 2018, requires local authorities to move towards a monthly payment model for Early Education funded places

The statutory guidance states the following:

"The Local Authority should pay all Providers, particularly childminders, monthly by September 2018 unless the Provider requests and the Local Authority agrees to continue an existing alternative sustainable method of payment".

We will be holding a series of engagement sessions with providers to discuss the process for monthly payments and to hear your views. Please look out for dates, which will be announced shortly.

Notice Periods

One of the key issue that affects the head count is when a child starts with a new provider after the term has started. In the past, there has been a number of providers claiming funding for the same child.

If a child leaves your setting you must inform them of any notice period, which the parent must then feedback to their new provider.

As a provider receiving a child after the term has started, you must ensure that you clearly state when the child started and how many weeks of funding you are claiming for, as the initial provider will have priority when claiming the free entitlement to ensure any notice period is covered.

Ensuring that all parents fully complete a [parental agreement form](#) will assist you with gathering information about a child's previous childcare arrangements.

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 with delivering 30 hours free entitlement.

For more resources relating to Early Years please visit our ['Childcare and Early Years'](#) web pages