

The 30 hour Extended Entitlement Programme

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	Aims of the workshop	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To present to providers the latest information and updates regarding the 30hr extended entitlement to increase their knowledge and assist in their preparation for the September 2017 roll-out. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase your broader understanding of who is working in your geographical area, and who may be potential partners in the future. 	

Introduction

The extended free childcare entitlement for working parents of three and four-year olds will provide eligible parents with a total of 30 hours of free childcare per week, over 38 weeks or the equivalent number of hours across more weeks per year.

Entitlement

All 3 and 4 year olds will continue to be eligible for 15 hours per week of free early education. This is a universal entitlement for all children.

The new entitlement is an extension of the current entitlement and provides an additional 15 hours of free childcare for children that are eligible

It aims to be a work incentive

The free entitlement is restricted to childcare arrangements that enable parents to take up paid work, to continue in paid work or to increase paid work. Parents who are studying will not qualify for the new entitlement, unless they meet the eligibility criteria.

Underpinned by new Legislation - The Childcare Act 2016

Following agreement by both Houses on the text of the Bill it received Royal Assent on 16th March 2016. The Bill is now an Act of Parliament (law).

Timetable

The 30hr Childcare entitlement will be rolled out nationally from **September 2017**

Do Schools and Childcare Providers have to offer the 30hours?

There is no mandatory requirement for a school or childcare provider to offer the 30 hour Programme. We are however expecting a high demand from eligible parents.

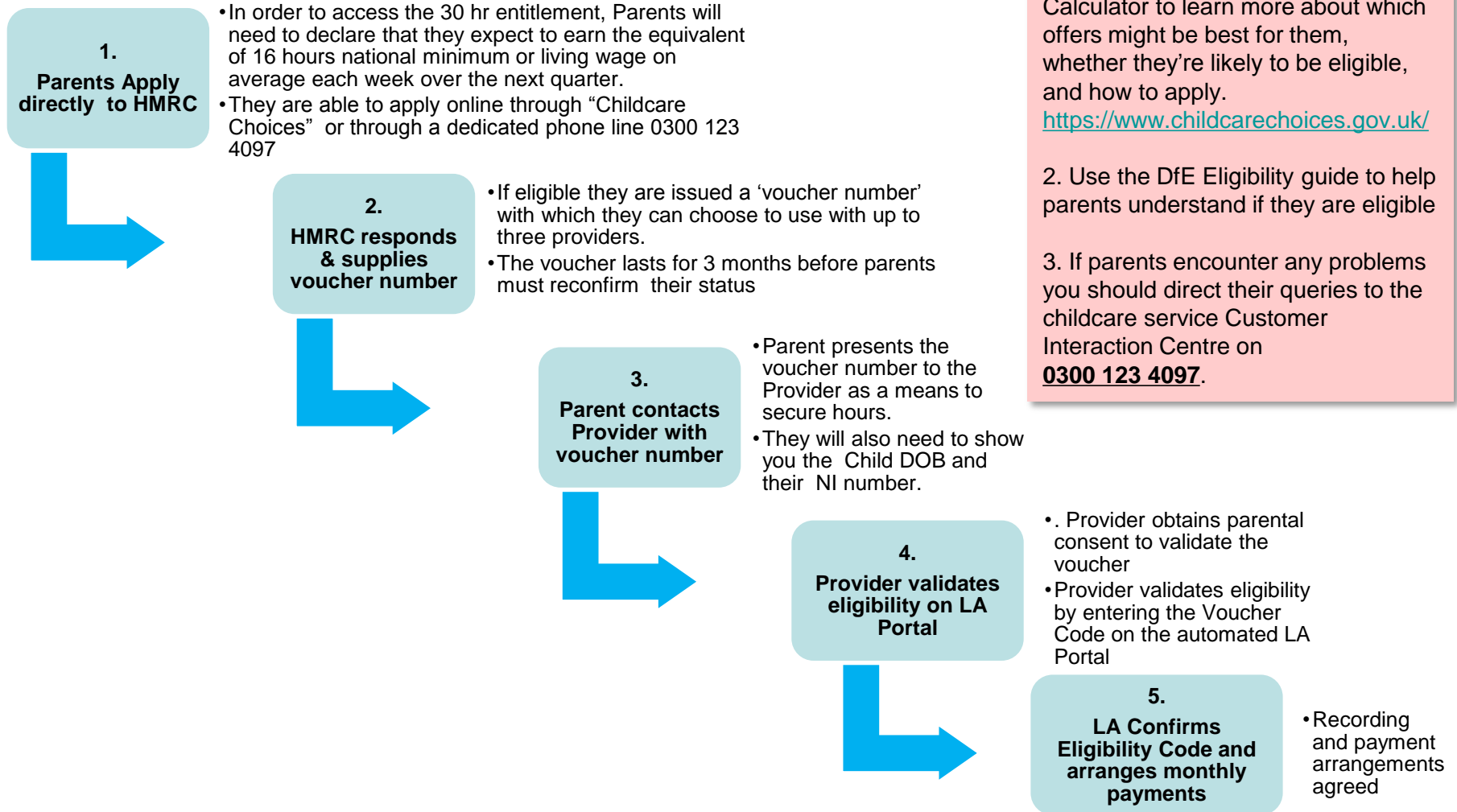
Delivery

Providers delivering both the first and second 15 hours are required to follow the EYFS. Ofsted will not differentiate their inspections between the first and second 15 hours.

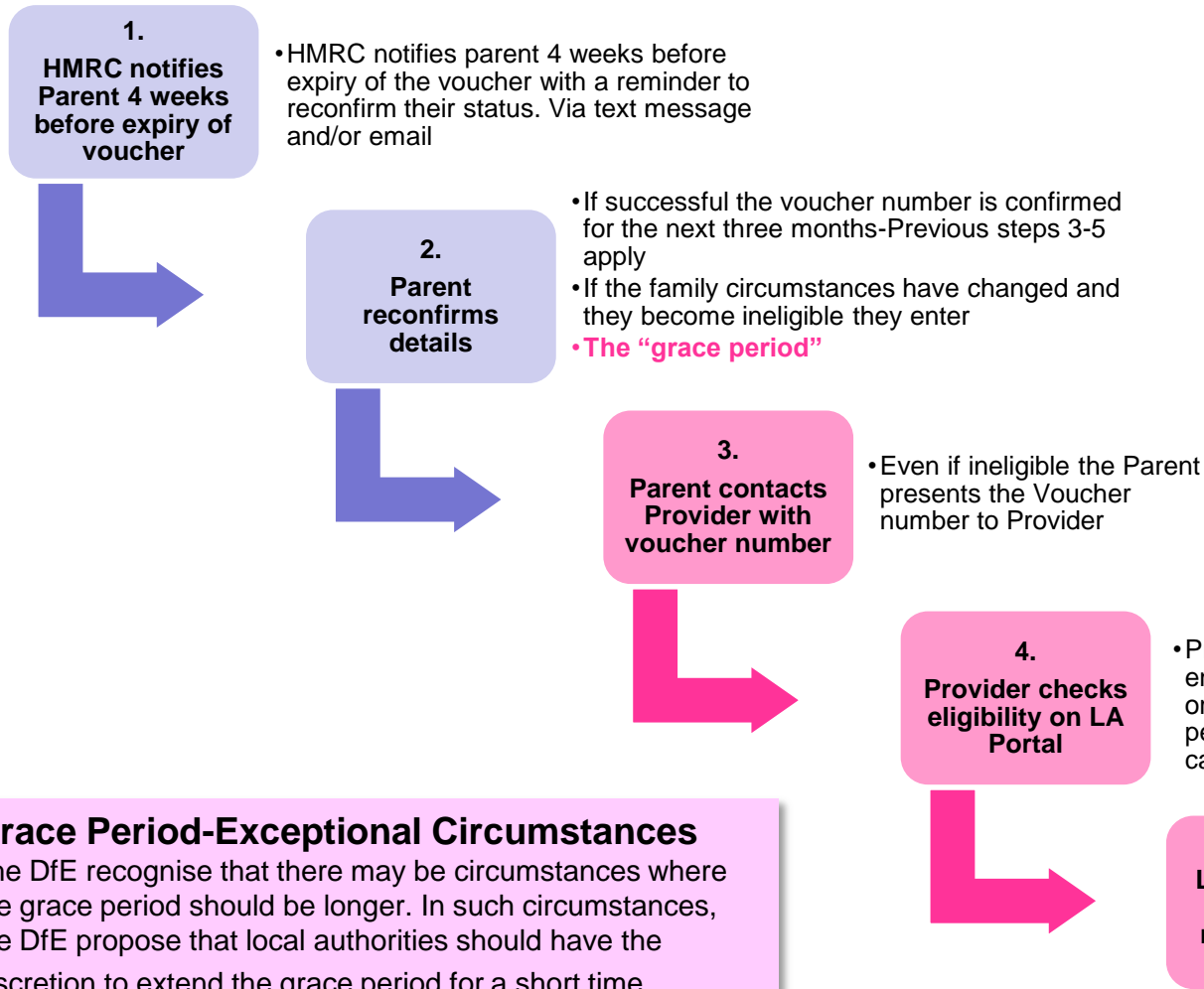
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1.1.The initial parental application process



1.2. The parents 3 month conformation process



How to help Parents at this stage

Providers should remind parents that they need to reconfirm when prompted by the HMRC.

If parents miss the reconfirmation deadline, they will receive a message telling them that their eligibility has lapsed.

Although they are no longer eligible, they may be able to retain their childcare place for a short period; this is known as a grace period

Grace Period-Exceptional Circumstances

The DfE recognise that there may be circumstances where the grace period should be longer. In such circumstances, the DfE propose that local authorities should have the discretion to extend the grace period for a short time.

1.3 Eligibility Criteria for the additional 15 hours:

Who will qualify for 30 hours free childcare?

A child is entitled to free early years provision if the child has attained the age of three, is under compulsory school age and the child's parent(s) meets the eligibility criteria set out below:

- They earn or expect to earn the equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum or Living Wage over the coming three months.
- This equates to £120 a week (or c.£6,000 a year) for each parent over 25 years old or £112.80 a week (or c.£5,800 a year) for each parent between 21 and 24 years old.
- This applies whether you are in paid employment, self-employed or on zero hours contract.
- The parent (and their partner where applicable) should be seeking the free childcare to enable them to work.

In addition:

- Where one or both parents are on maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave, or if they are on statutory sick leave.
- Where one parent meets the income criteria and the other is unable to work because they are disabled, have caring responsibilities or have been assessed as having limited capability to work.
- Where a parent is in a 'start-up period' (i.e. they are newly self-employed) they do not need to demonstrate that they meet the income criteria for 12 months.
- If a non-EEA national, the parent must have recourse to public funds.

1.3. Eligibility criteria (continued)

Who will not qualify?

A parent will not meet the criteria when:

- Either parent has an income of more than £100,000
- Either parent is a non-EEA national and subject to immigration control (and has no recourse to public funds)

What happens if a parent loses eligibility?

- They will receive a “grace period” – this means they will be able to keep their childcare for a short period.
- Once the “grace period” has lapsed, the parent may be entitled to the universal 15 hour entitlement.

Parents cannot claim under the following circumstances:

- Parents cannot claim 30 hours free childcare once their child has reached compulsory school age (the term following their fifth birthday).
 - Due to the three monthly cycles of reconfirmation, and to allow for those children who do not reach compulsory school age until a while after their child turns five, some parents may still have a code after their child reaches compulsory school age. It is therefore important that providers check the age of the child as well as the code.
- Parents cannot claim their 30 hours in addition to a full time reception place in a maintained school or academy.
 - Therefore, parents cannot use their eligibility code to claim their 30 hours if their child is in a full-time reception place.

1.4. Eligibility start dates for those children turning 3 years

Parents may receive eligibility codes before their child is three but they can only start claiming their 30 hours place the term following the child's third birthday or the term following the date the eligibility code was issued (whichever is the later).

Eligibility for free early education for two-, three- and four-year- olds

Three & four year-olds (who meet the eligibility criteria) are entitled to an additional 15 hours of free early years provision from the start of the term beginning on or following the date set out below:

- Children born in the period 1st January to 31st March: 1st April following the child's third birthday, or second birthday, as applicable
- Children born in the period 1st April to 31st August: 1st September following the child's third birthday, or second birthday, as applicable
- Children born in the period 1st September to 31st December: 1st January following the child's third birthday, or second birthday, as applicable

These dates are consistent with those used for determining the start of compulsory education.

1.5. How do parents apply for the 30hr extended entitlement?

Parents can now check whether they could be *eligible for a range of government childcare offers*, including 30 hours, via Childcare Choices at: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> or the Childcare Calculator at: <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

Those who could be eligible for 30 hours and/or Tax-Free Childcare will be directed to the digital childcare service to apply.

- It's one single application but HMRC will check their eligibility for both.
- When they start they will temporarily leave this site to sign in or set up at the Government Gateway
- Sign up should take around 20 minutes.
- If parents encounter any problems with the application process or accessing the childcare account, they should direct their queries to the childcare service Customer Interaction Centre on **0300 123 4097**.

NOTE:

- Parents will not need to apply through the digital childcare service if they only want to claim the universal 15 hours entitlement for three and four year olds.

Parents will need details of one or more of the following when applying:

- UK Passport
- Details of any other government support they get e.g. Tax Credits
- P60 or recent pay slip
- If self employed, the Unique Taxpayer Reference
- The date they started, or are due to start work

Information they will require to complete the process

- Child Date of Birth
- Parents National Insurance Number
- Access to a mobile phone or landline

1.6. The parental application process in detail: Beginning the process

Parents enter personal details	This information will help HMRC decide whether the parent (and their child) are eligible for 30 hours.		Help is available at the Customer Interaction Centre on <u>0300 123 4097</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parents will be asked to enter personal details including their name, address and National Insurance number and the same details for their partner (if they have one) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They will also be asked whether they expect to meet the income requirements over the coming three months and whether they are in receipt of any relevant benefits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They will also be asked whether they expect to meet the income requirements over the coming three months and whether they are in receipt of any relevant benefits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If parents encounter any problems with the application process or accessing the childcare account, they should direct their queries to the childcare service Customer Interaction

End of the parental application process

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the end of the application process, parents will have a childcare service account. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the “secure messages” section of their account, parents will receive messages regarding their eligibility. If parents are eligible for 30 hours, they will be given an 11 digit ‘eligibility code’ for their child. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> They will be asked to take this code (along with their National Insurance number and child’s date of birth) <u>to their provider</u>. to claim their 30 hours place. These codes normally start with ‘5000’. (there are a small number that have a temporary code starting with ‘11’.
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1.7.How parents find their eligibility code?

Parents can find their eligibility code in the '30 hours free childcare' section of their childcare service account (see Image A)

and in their secure messages (see image B).

Image A – Viewing your 30 hours code in parent's childcare service account

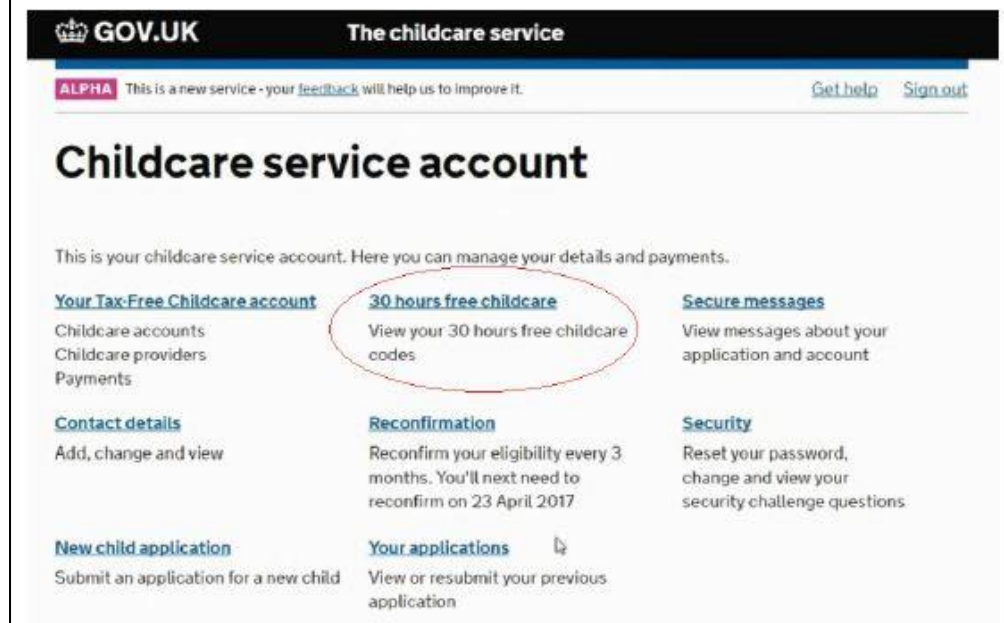
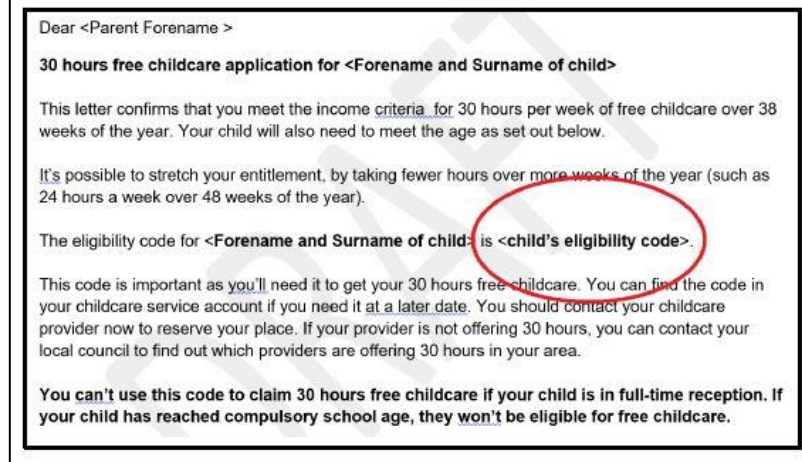


Image B – Eligibility Code on Secure Message



1.8. Summary

- Parents must apply for the extended entitlement through the digital childcare service (not through their local authority or provider).
- HMRC is responsible for checking whether a parent is eligible and issuing an eligibility code.
- Providers and local authorities are responsible for verifying (or confirming) eligibility by checking that the parent's code is valid.
- Local authorities and providers will use the Department for Education's Eligibility Checking Service (ECS) to verify the code or the LA online portal (Ealing Go Live 19th June)
- In contrast to the universal entitlement (which only has an age criterion), parents also need to meet a set of eligibility requirements (i.e. income requirements).
- A parent can only claim 30 hours once both of these conditions are met, i.e. the term following the child's third birthday and the term following receipt of their eligibility code from HMRC (whichever is the later).
- Parents should be encouraged to apply the term before their child meets the age criterion to ensure they can access a place at the start of the term after their child turns three. If not, they will need to wait until the following term to access their 30 hours place.
- Once a code has been successfully verified, a parent can reserve a place for their child with their provider.
- Parents who need assistance to apply (or who do not have access to the internet) can call the childcare service Customer Interaction Centre on **0300 123 4097** and apply over the phone.
- Parents that complete their original application over the phone will need to phone the Customer Interaction Centre to reconfirm their eligibility.

1.9 Tax Free Childcare-Overview

- Tax-Free Childcare is a new government scheme to help working parents with the cost of childcare.
- Parents will be able to open an online account at the same time as they are applying for 30hr funding. They can use this to pay for childcare from a registered provider.
- For every £8 a parent pays in, the government will pay in an extra £2. Parents can receive up to £2,000 per child, per year, towards their childcare costs, or £4,000 for disabled children.
- The scheme will be available for children up to the age of 12, or 17 for children with disabilities.

Eligibility

- The eligibility criteria for Tax-Free Childcare are broadly aligned with 30 hours free childcare.
- The main differences are that Tax-Free Childcare is available for children under 12,
- It is not available to parents in receipt of tax credits, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers.
- Parents in receipt of these can choose, as part of the childcare service application, whether they want to keep these benefits and apply for the extended entitlement only, or leave these and apply for Tax-Free Childcare as well as the extended entitlement.

Sign Up now to receive parental fees from Tax Free Childcare

- Use this service, as a Provider, to sign up to Tax-Free Childcare and get into your account to update your details. You need to do this so that parents who've successfully applied for Tax-Free Childcare can make payments to you.

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/ccp/signup/entrypage>

Local authority schools use their local authority's UTR to sign-up. The **UTR number for Schools in Ealing** is: **87013 89036**

The guidance states that it should be the postcode that your Unique Taxpayer Reference is registered to. Therefore the postcode for Schools in Ealing will be **W5 2HL**.

Q&A for this section

Spend 5 mins in your group to discuss the following:

- What did you find useful in this section?

- What further information or clarification do you need?

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2.1. What to do if a parent presents a Voucher

The HMRC Parental Online Application Portal is now open

The HMRC online portal for Parents to apply for 30hr extended entitlement has been opened. This means that parents can now apply to the HMRC, and if they are eligible will receive an 11-digit eligibility code. If they are seeking a 30hr place, they may present the code to you for verification.

The online portal is not yet operational

The Borough has commissioned an online portal to assist with online verification and will also link to monitoring and payments. Unfortunately this will not be operational until 19th June, (Workshops will be arranged before launch) but the LA can now check eligibility on behalf of the provider, through a web based Eligibility Checking Service (ECS)

The interim process for Providers is as follows:

1. We have been informed that we are all legally obliged to seek consent from the parent to make a verification check and that this be recorded. We have devised a template which you can adapt for your setting (See update on EGFL)
2. Please call the Ealing Family Information Service (FIS) on 020 8825 5588 and inform them that you have received a 30hr. Eligibility Code from the Parent

You will need the following information to pass on to the FIS operator

- Surname of Parent
- Child's date of Birth
- National Insurance Number
- 11 digit Voucher Code

Ealing FIS will then check the validity of the Voucher and confirm this with you

What to do next

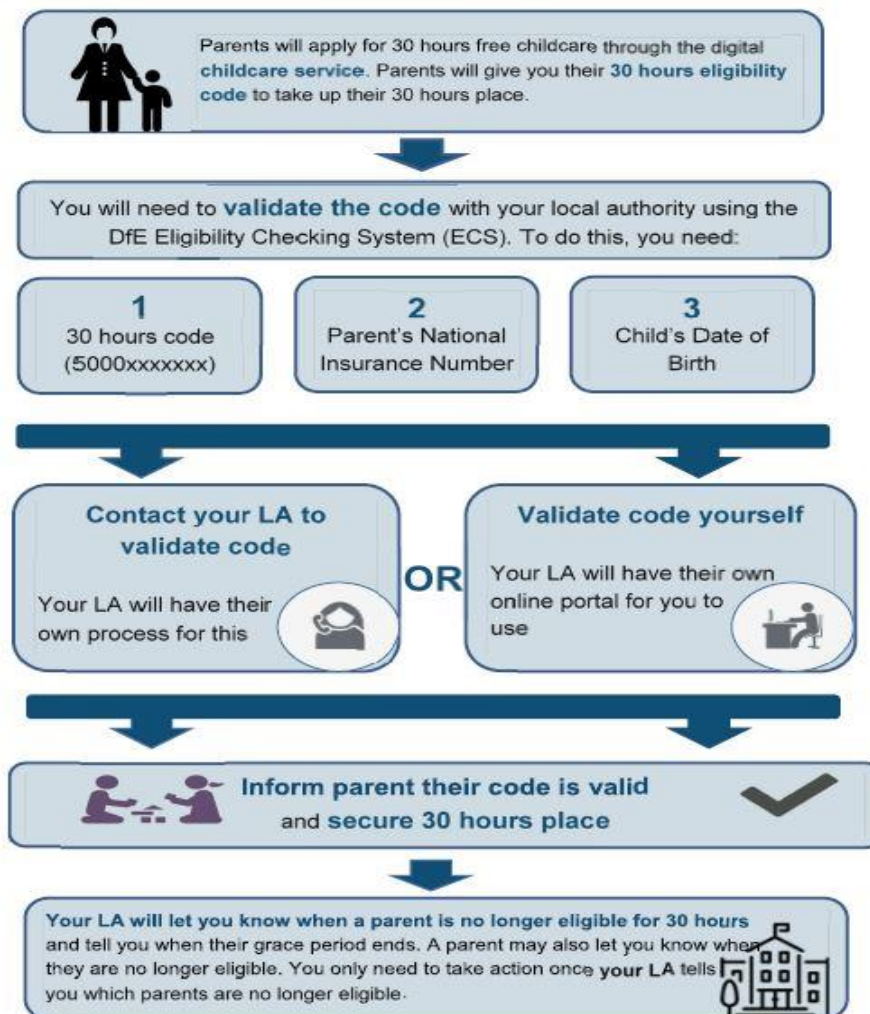
It will be up to each provider to determine whether at this stage, they will use the verification to confirm a place from September, or whether it would mean that the parent would be on the waiting list.

2.2. Validity checking process for Providers

Summary of the end to end application process

1. Parents apply through the digital childcare service, or in some circumstances, via the Customer Interaction Centre. If their application is successful, they are given an 11-digit eligibility code (beginning '5000').
2. Parents take their eligibility code to a provider together with their National Insurance number and child's date of birth. The provider will need written consent of the parent to verify the code.
3. The provider verifies the code through their local authority – either by phone, Ealing Family Information Service (FIS) on 020 8825 5588 or through a provider portal linked to the local authority system. The local authority verifies the code through the ECS.
4. Local authorities should audit the eligibility codes at 6 points in the year to identify children who have fallen out of eligibility

Provider guide to checking validity of 30 hours eligibility codes



2.3. 30hrs extended entitlement- The Grace Period

The grace period enables parents to retain their childcare place for a short period if they become ineligible for 30 hours.

Key points

- Local authorities will continue to fund a place for a child whose parents cease to meet the eligibility criteria and ensure that providers are aware of this. This is known as the “grace period”.
- A child who becomes ineligible during the first half of a funding block should be funded until the end of that funding block (31 March, 31 August, 31 December) or for as long as they remain under Compulsory School Age, whichever is the shorter.
- A child who becomes ineligible in the latter half of the funding block (up to the last day of the funding block) should be funded until the end of the following funding block or for as long as they remain under Compulsory School Age, whichever is the shorter.

		Date Parent Receives ineligible decision on reconfirmation	Grace Period End Date
Funding Block 1 1 st Jan to 31 st March	First half	1st January-10th February	31st March
	Second half	11th February-31st March	31st August
Funding Block 2 1 st April to 31 st August	First half	1st April-26th May	31st August
	Second half	27th May-31st August	31st December
Funding Block 3 1 st Sept to 31 st Dec	First half	1st September -21st October	31st December
	Second half	22nd October-31st December	31st March

2.4. Parental Declaration of Free Entitlements

We would strongly advise providers to establish a process in which parents make a declaration regarding free entitlements.

This will enable you to gather:

- Child's Details
- Parent/Guardian Details
- Setting & Attendance Details
- Early Years Pupil Premium Details
- Disability Access Fund Declaration
- Parental/ Guardian Declaration
- Consent to share information with the Local Authority and Department of Education to confirm:
 - Child's eligibility for 30hrs Funding
 - Enable provider to claim the Early Years Pupil Premium
 - Enable provider to claim Disability Access Fund

A Sample Parent declaration form has been devised by the DfE In Annex A of the, *"Model Agreement Early years provision free of charge and free childcare. March 2017"*

- We have constructed a Word Version for you to adapt for your provision, which is available on EGFL. We have also constructed a shorter sample Parental Declaration for the Eligibility Checking interim period, which is available on EGFL
- Providers may choose to have a separate agreement for those parents who also choose to pay for additional hours, meals and/or optional activities.
- Charges should be set out clearly for parents who pay for meals and/or optional activities.
- A parent signature on the agreement demonstrates the optional nature of the additional charges.
- Providers can also set out in the agreement the hours during which they will offer the free entitlements and their charges for hours outside of this.

2.5. Children splitting provision between Providers

- Parents are able to utilise their entitlement across a maximum of 3 providers. Only 2 providers can be used in one day
- Where parents split their child's free entitlement between providers, local authorities and / or providers will need to distinguish between the 15 hours universal entitlement and the additional 15 hours extended entitlement in order to accurately record take-up in the school census and the early years census.
- Local authorities and providers may wish to use the parental declaration form to enable parents to indicate at which provider they are taking the universal 15 hours free entitlement and, where appropriate, pass this information onto the provider.
- Local authorities should take account of the statutory guidance which is clear that, if a parent ceases to meet the eligibility criteria for 30 hours, the parent may choose which provider they continue to take up their child's universal 15 hours entitlement as long as the child meets the age criteria (i.e. they are under compulsory school age).
- The online portal for Ealing will be able to indicate if the hours related to the 30hr voucher has been used and will stop a voucher being used if it has exceeded the hours across providers

2.6. Contractual Agreement between the Council & Providers

- The Department for Education has issued guidance on a model agreement. This model agreement from the Department for Education sets out the department's expectations on what should be included in agreements between local authorities and providers.
- The model agreement applies to:
 - the 15 hour entitlement for the most disadvantaged two-year-olds,
 - the 15 hour entitlement for parents of three- and four-year-olds (the universal entitlement) and
 - the 30 hours entitlement for working parents of three- and four-year-olds (the extended entitlement).
- The department expects the standard headings and wording provided in Section 2 to be used in all provider agreements. Local authorities should then include further detail to set out local level process where indicated.
- This document does not provide guidance on how providers operate their private businesses, including charges for provision over and above a child's free hours. Local authorities should not intervene where parents choose to purchase additional hours of provision or additional services providing that this does not affect the parent's ability to take up their child's free place.
- We are currently preparing the contract for Ealing and will be in touch with providers shortly

The Standard headings will be:

- Key local authority responsibilities
- Key provider responsibilities
- Safeguarding Eligibility
- The Grace Period
- Flexibility
- Partnership working
- Special educational needs and disabilities
- Social mobility and disadvantage
- Quality
- Business planning
- Charging
- Funding
- Compliance
- Termination and withdrawal of funding
- Appeals process
- Complaints process

Finance and Charging Models

2.7. Funding rates from April 2017

LAs will be required to allocate 93% of funding to providers in 2017/18 and 95% from 2018/19.

Ealing's Proposed Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) 2017/18	Maintained Nursery School	Maintained Nursery Class & Private Nurseries	Voluntary Nurseries , Pre-schools & play groups	Independent nursery classes
Base rates for:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal 15 hours & Additional 15hrs 	£4.64	£4.64	£4.64	£4.64
Quality: QTS	£0.26	£0.26	£0.26	£0.26
Quality: EYPS	£0.22	£0.22	£0.22	£0.22
Deprivation	£0.26	£0.26	£0.26	£0.26

Examples

Base rate + QTS = £ 4.90

Base rate + QTS +
Deprivation = £ 5.16

Deprivation is a mandatory supplement. This will be allocated to 25% most deprived postcodes linked to IDACI (Income Deprivation Affecting Children)

2.8 Additional financial support

In addition to the base rate, there are other funding sources to be considered

Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs

Disability Access Fund	<p>If a child is in receipt of disability living allowance they will receive a one off payment of £615 pa (this is the rate for 2017/18 and the value may change per annum).</p> <p>We are now asking providers to start collecting this information from parents in order to ensure you receive your entitlements.</p> <p>We have devised a template which is available on EGFL for providers to adapt and send out to their parents.</p> <p>We will be asking for completed forms and evidence collected in order to process payments.</p>
Inclusion Fund	<p>An element of the Inclusion fund (£500k) has been made available to assist providers with additional costs.</p> <p>An Early Start Inclusion Support Team is being put into place to help assist providers to support children with additional needs.</p> <p>A criteria is also being developed in order to provide additional finance support.</p> <p>The details of how to apply for the additional finance support will be through the new Early Start Inclusion Support Team, details will be provided shortly.</p>

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Incentive to provide 30hr places 2017/18

There will be a one off fund of £450k in 2017/18 used to incentivise and implement the 30hr programme. The details of the fund and application process will be available shortly.

New childcare funding opportunities for parents

- Tax Free Childcare Funding
- Online childcare account. For every £8 parents pay in the Government will pay in an additional £2 up to £2,000 per child/ £4,000 for children with disabilities
- Childcare Tax Credit
- Childcare Element of Universal Credit (Ealing roll out Oct 2017)
- Childcare Vouchers

2.9. Charging Models-Overview of DfE guidance

Summary

- Local authorities are responsible for ensuring that all eligible children can take up their free entitlement place completely free of charge and that providers' charging policies enable this.
- Government funding is intended to deliver 15 or 30 hours a week of free, high quality, flexible childcare.

It is not intended to cover

- the costs of meals,
- other consumables,
- additional hours or optional activities.
- Providers can charge for meals and snacks, consumables and optional activities as part of the free entitlement delivery, as long as parents are not required to pay as a condition of taking up their child's free entitlement place.
- Where parents choose to purchase additional hours of provision or optional activities, this is a private matter between the provider and the parent.

Access to free places

- Private, voluntary and independent providers are free to set their own criteria for the admission of children, providing they comply with relevant equalities and non- discriminatory legislation.
- However, all parents should have the same rights to access a free entitlement place, regardless of whether they choose to pay for additional hours of provision, optional activities or meals. Parents should also not have to reserve a place each term.
- Providers should ensure that their admissions information is clear and accessible for parents, for example, by publishing the number of standalone 15 and 30 hours places they offer to enable parents to make an informed decision on where to access their entitlement.
- Providers should ensure that they are completely clear and transparent about which hours / sessions can be taken as free provision and this should be consistent for all parents taking up free hours. Providers should also ensure they have clear invoicing structure in place for parents.

2.10. Charging Models-Lunch time

The DfE Operational Guidance states that:

*“Children **should** be able to take up their free hours as part of continuous provision and providers **should** avoid artificial breaks in the day wherever possible.*

*For example, the lunch time hour/session **should** form part of the free provision where the child is attending a morning and afternoon session. Providers may wish to offer additional hours around the free provision hours.*

Providers can charge for meals and snacks as part of their delivery of the free entitlement as long as parents are not required to pay as a condition of taking up their child’s free entitlement place. Providers may give parents other options including waiving or reducing the cost of meals and snacks, or allowing parents to bring in a packed lunch”

Note: We have queried this with DfE as a number of providers feel the guidance is ambiguous, with words as “should”, indicating that this is a preference rather than a mandatory requirement, Unfortunately due to the election purdah period, they cannot give any further clarification at this time.

DfE sessional provider example

Paid for childcare

Am	3hrs
Pm	3hrs

Paid for childcare

What this could look like

Charge	8.30am-9.00am
No charge	9am-12pm
No charge	12pm-3pm
Charge	3.00pm-3.30pm

2.11 Charging Models-Deposits and On-Call Services

Deposits

- Providers can charge a refundable deposit to parents accessing the free entitlements for two-, three- and four-year olds, for both the universal entitlement and the extended entitlement.
- The purpose of the deposit is to give providers certainty that a parent will take up the place.
- Local authorities should work with providers to determine a reasonable timescale for refunding deposits to parents.
- Local authorities and providers should make clear to parents that if a parent fails to take up their place, the provider is not obliged to refund the deposit.
- Local authorities can use their discretion to determine if charging a deposit will prevent take-up, for example, for the two-year-old entitlement for disadvantaged families.

On-call services

- Childminders may offer an on-call service as part of their offer to parents while the child is in a setting and needs to be collected unexpectedly, if the parent wants to take their free hours this way.

2.12 Financial and System Changes in Ealing

Monthly Payments Update

- From April 2017, Ealing moved to paying the EYSFF and 2 year old funding monthly for all providers.
- This is a recommendation from the DfE for all Local Authorities to roll out.
- We took it a step further for our PVI (Private, Voluntary and Independent) providers and Childminders by introducing monthly headcounts.
- The move has been welcomed by providers and helps with monthly cash flow providing regularly cash flow helping with business planning.
- The response from the providers has been excellent with providers informing that submissions are taking a lot less time to do each month and information is much more accurate.

2.12 Financial and System Changes in Ealing

30hr System Changes

- Providers will be expected to use Synergy (on line portal) to submit claims for funding for 30 hours.
- We have a go live date of 19th June for the system to be ready.
- The system will also be used to validate eligibility codes, through a real time eligibility checker giving instant results showing valid and expiry dates of eligibility codes.
- The system will have a 30hr button, which will allow you to enter data of the child you are claiming for.
- Once a child is entered once, data for that child is carried over into the following funding period.
- Demonstrations and drop in workshops will be held to assist with the changes before the national roll out.

2.12 Financial and System Changes in Ealing

2 Year Old Funding

- For providers that offer places under the 2 year old incentive, this will carry on as it is.
- The funding rate from April 17 is £5.92.

EYPP (Early Years Pupil Premium)

- EYPP will also continue as present, funding is based on £302.10 per year for any child that qualifies for the incentive.
- Further information on this can be found at;
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/early-years-pupil-premium-guide-for-local-authorities>

Q&A for this section

Spend 5 mins in your group to discuss the following:

- What did you find useful in this section?

- What further information or clarification do you need?

Section 3. Delivery Models and Flexibility

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3.1 Delivery Models Summary

We recognise that there is no 'one size fits all' approach, and that demand for different types of childcare will vary from area to area and from parent to parent.

Providers are encouraged to deliver flexible packages of free hours within the parameters set out in the statutory guidance, these are:

- no session to be longer than 10 hours
- no minimum session length (subject to the requirements of registration on the Ofsted Early Years Register)
- not before 6.00am or after 8.00pm
- a maximum of two sites in a single day

There will be many delivery models for both the universal and extended entitlements.

We have previously examined partnership working with the Family & Childcare Trust.

There are a number of resources available on EGFL regarding different types of models, with scenarios to aid understanding

3.2 Examples of Delivery Models

- **Single provider, single site** - one provider provides the full 30 hours childcare in their setting.

E.g. a daycare nursery provides the full 30 hours in their nursery; a childminder provides 30 hours childcare from their home

- **Co-provider, single site** - two or more providers, share the 30 hours childcare, but deliver care from the same site.

E.g. a school provides 15 hours of childcare, with an after school club providing the remaining 15 hours at the same site

E.g. a special school provides 15 hours in their nursery, and childminders provides the additional 15 hours on the school site

- **Walking distance partnership** - two or more providers link up to provide the 30 hours childcare in partnership with each other.

E.g. a school provides 15 hours in their nursery, and a childminder who lives close to the school provides the additional 15 hours.

E.g. a day nursery provides childcare in the morning, drops the child to a school nursery for 15 hours and then collects the child at the end of the school day.

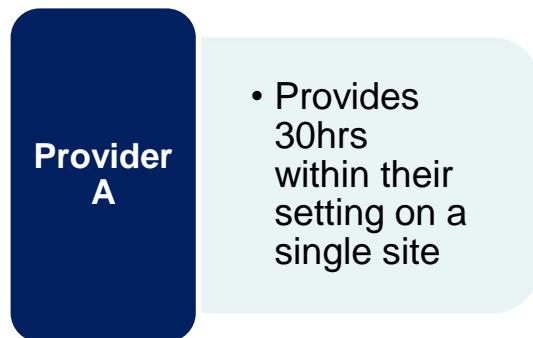
- **Innovative/Blended/Flexible offers** - providers develop a flexible offer to meet the needs of working parents.

E.g. a school provides 30 hours in their nursery, and another provider delivers the wrap around hours

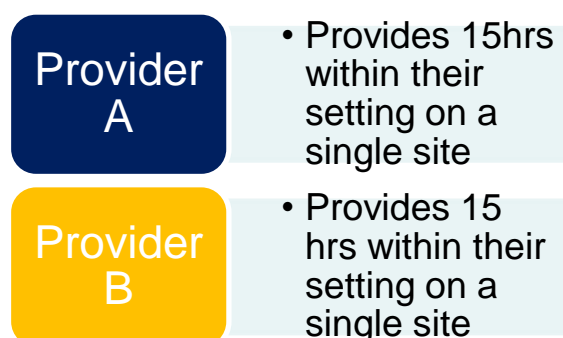
- Partnerships can also support other aspects of delivering the entitlement e.g. staff training, family support

3.3. Partnership Working / blended model examples:

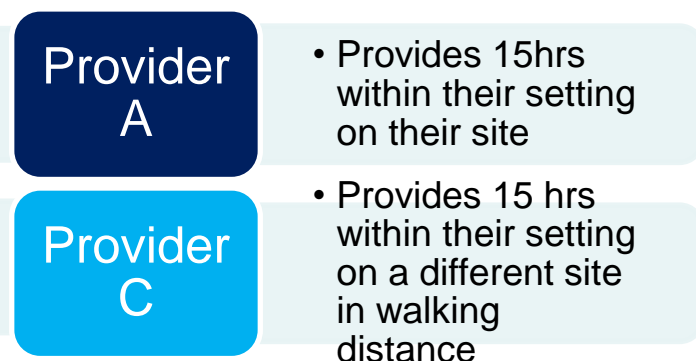
Single Provider Single Site



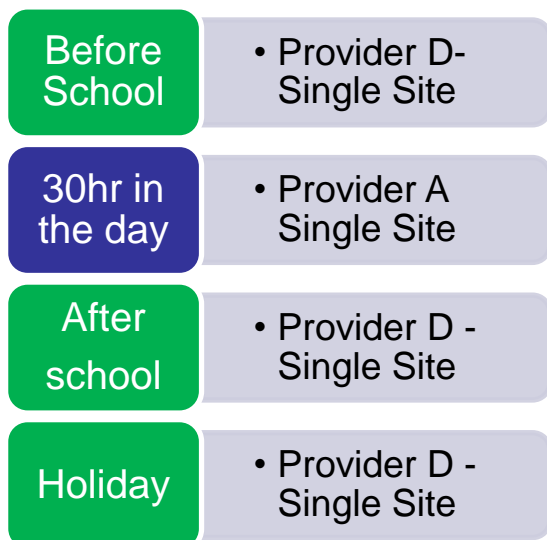
Co-Provider -Single Site



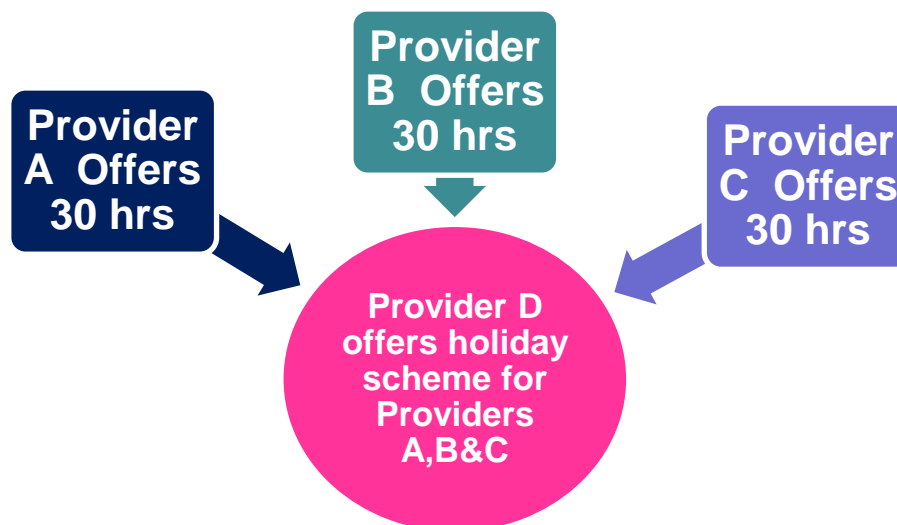
Walking distance Partnership



Blended Flexible partnership single site



Blended Flexible partnership-Multiple sites



3.4. Partnership Working benefits & challenges

Benefits

- Children can experience different types of childcare
- Maximising resources (space, staff)
- Share expertise
- Maximise strengths and learn from each other
- Share risks
- New business opportunities
- Efficient delivery
- Create economies of scale
- Reduce costs
- Improve sustainability

Challenges

- Developing trust
- Time consuming
- Actual or perceived loss of autonomy
- Impact on decision making
- Working across different cultures, language, ways of working
- Roles and responsibilities
- Competition for places

Section 4. Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

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4.1 Special educational needs and disabilities SEND update in Ealing

Ealing is committed to promoting equality and inclusion for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

We are seeking to identify and remove barriers which prevent children from accessing free places and working with parents to give each child support to fulfil their potential.

In order to gain a greater understanding, we have formed a SEND working party to examine how best to support eligible children access the 30hr entitlement.

This includes staff and parent representatives from:

- Mandeville School
- Greenfields, South Acton and Windmill Children's Centres
- Log Cabin Charity

In April 2017 we completed a Parental Demand Survey to ascertain the likely demand from parents (20 parental responses in total)

Key points to date:

- A high % of eligible parents will want to take up their full entitlement
- The majority of parents are seeking to take their entitlement within term time
- The SEND working party is interested in exploring partnership models to provide this e.g. the first 15hrs provided by school staff the 2nd 15hrs provided by Childminders on the school site.

4.2 Ealing Parental Demand Survey: SEND

Overview of the key findings:

Demand

- 90% (18/20) Parents stated that they definitely would or very likely to use the additional 15 hours if eligible
- 85% (17/20) would want to use their full entitlement of 11-15hours
- 35% (7/20) would switch provider to use their full 30hr entitlement if their current one only offered 15 hours

Type of Service

- 75% (15) would like more flexibility in nursery hours
- 60% (12) would like full time Monday to Friday 9am-3pm
- 15% (3) would like fully flexible provision 8am-6pm
- 5% (1) would like holiday provision
- 45% (9) would require transport

Paying for additional Childcare

- 30% (6) agreed it would significantly reduce the cost of childcare
- 20% (4) would be willing to pay top up fees

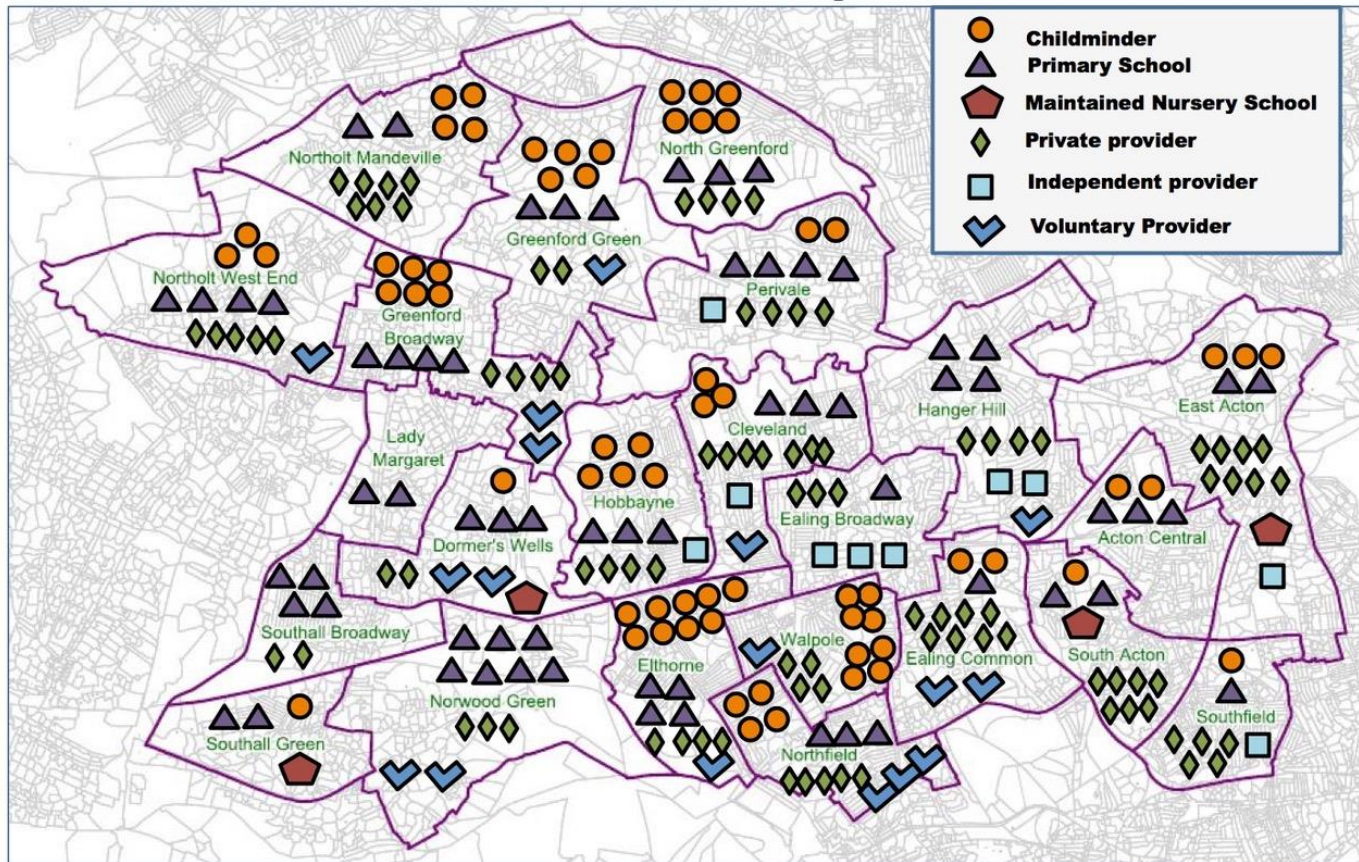
4.3 Identifying and removing barriers which may prevent children with more complex needs accessing free places

- What are the barriers to providers in offering places to children with more complex needs?

- What are the possible solutions for providers in order to increase places to children with more complex needs?

Section 5. Increasing understanding of who is working in your geographical area

Distribution of Childcare Providers across Wards in Ealing



- This map illustrates the distribution of Childcare providers across the borough.
- It does not represent their actual geographical locations of providers (this will be completed shortly)
- However the map document distributed will also contain the details of the providers in each Ward

Section 5. Increasing understanding of who is working in your geographical area

Content

- 5.1 Discussion-how can we best utilise our collective knowledge and expertise in our area to promote understanding and potentially future partners?

Ideas how we may promote understanding and potentially future partners in our area.

What further information would be useful?

6. Online Information: Childcare Choices

HM Government

Childcare Choices

CAN I GET HELP WITH MY CHILDCARE COSTS

The government is introducing new ways to help parents with childcare costs. Whether you have toddlers or teens, you could get support.

Play a quick video

Share this page

Childcare providers
What you need to know

Help paying for childcare

Look through all the help on offer, or tell us a bit about you, so we can find the offers that might be best.

30 hours free childcare

Age 3&4

- For working families in England
- With 3 and 4-year-old children
- An extra 15 hours a week of free childcare - so 30 in all

Parents of children who will be 3 on 31st August can apply now

Apply now

Or email me when available to me

Is it for me?

Parents can apply. They are directed through the website

Consistent messaging to parents

Signpost them to:

- “Childcare Choices” website
- <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
- Promotional resources will be available & distributed shortly after the election
 - Web copy
 - Social media copy
 - Newsletter/email copy
 - Printable poster & leaflet

Parents can also access a childcare calculator to get an estimate of what they may receive

<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>



6b. Online Information for Parents in Ealing

- Summary for parents and FAQs on 30hrs & Tax free Childcare is now available for parents on the Ealing Children & Families Directory-under Family Services
- <https://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/ealing/directory/family.page?familychannel=0>

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Family Directory
Your online services directory and information resource for children, young people and families living in the London Borough of Ealing

Family Services | Keyword(s) | Place name or postcode

What would you like to do?

- Understand My Childcare Options
- Apply for Two-Year-Old Free Childcare
- Find out about the 30 hours of FREE childcare
- Find out about Tax Free Childcare
- Apply For a School Place
- Get General Information & Advice
- Access Family Support Services
- Report a Concern About a Child/Young Person
- Early Start Ealing - working together for children aged 0-5 years
- Foster or Adopt a Child
- Look For a Publication

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Children's Centres
Schools
Things to Do
Young People
Health & Wellbeing
Family Support Services
Training, Volunteering & Employment
Money Matters & Benefits

Don't forget that all the pages can be translated into over 100 community languages to view & print

7. Next Steps

- Further support & updates we shall be providing:

- What further information or clarification do you need?