

The 30 hour Extended Entitlement Programme

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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**

DfE Statutory Guidance

The “Early education and childcare . Statutory guidance for local authorities. March 2017” which includes statutory guidance on the 30hr extended entitlement is now available on EGFL.

DfE Operational Guidance

It is expected to be released in two parts Mid April & Mid June. Part 1 is available on EGFL

1. Eligibility Criteria for the additional 15 hours:

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

- the parent of the child (and their partner where applicable) should be seeking the free childcare to enable them to work;
- the parent of the child (and their partner where applicable) should also be in qualifying paid work. Each parent or the single parent in a lone parent household will need to expect to earn the equivalent of 16 hours at the national living wage or their national minimum wage rate over the forthcoming quarter;
- where one or both parents are in receipt of benefits in connection with sickness or parenting, they are treated as though they are in paid work;
- where one parent (in a couple household) is in receipt or could be entitled to be in receipt of specific benefits related to caring, incapacity for work or limited capability for work that they are treated as though they are in paid 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 in order to qualify for the extended entitlement.
- if either or both parents' income exceeds £100,000 they will not be eligible for the extended entitlement.

2. The relevant dates in relation to the age criterion are the same as for the three-year-olds eligible for 15 hours of free provision.

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.

Ealing Parental Demand Survey

In December 2016 we completed a Parental Demand Survey to ascertain the likely demand from parents and also how it may impact on their employment status.

Overview of the key findings: Parents said:

Demand (Note: HMRC estimated that 80% of eligible parents would take up their entitlement)

- 92.2%** They definitely would or very likely to utilise the additional 15 hours if eligible
86.8% of parents would use between 11-15 of the additional hours
- 71.3%** It would be likely that they would switch to another provider to use the full 30hrs if their current provider could only deliver 15 hours
- 76.7%** They would use the additional 15 hours even if it meant the child had to go to different providers

Paying for Childcare

- 59.1%** Currently pay for additional hours:
36.4% pay for 26 hours or more. 22.4% pay for 15-20 hours
- 95.2%** Said it would significantly reduce the cost of childcare and 94.3% would use the additional 15 hours towards the childcare they currently pay for.

Impact on Employment

- 78.1%** It would be likely to increase their hours of work or look for another job
- 91.2%** Parents not in employment said it would be likely that they would look for work to become eligible

Ealing Parental Demand Survey

Demand from eligible parents will be high across the borough

Demand by School Quadrant Area	Acton	Ealing & Hanwell	GNP	Southall
% Would or Very Likely use additional 15hrs if eligible	97.6%	91.2%	95.6%	96.0%
% Would use 11-15hrs per week	92.7%	82.7%	97.8%	91.7%
% likely that they would switch to another provider to use the full 30hrs if their current provider could only delivery 15 hours	64.9%	65.9%	73.8%	68.2%
Paying for Childcare	Acton	Ealing & Hanwell	GNP	Southall
% stating it would significantly reduce the cost of childcare	100%	92.6%	97.2%	96.3%
% stating that they would use the additional 15hours towards the childcare they currently pay for	100%	93.3%	94.2%	100%

Ealing Parental Demand Survey: SEND

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

Overview of the key findings: Parents said:

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

Ealing Parental Demand Survey

Conclusions

- Demand from eligible parents will be high across all quadrant areas
- Parents are looking to utilise their full entitlement
- A significant % would switch providers if they did not offer 30hrs
- If parents are currently paying for childcare, a high % will want to use their entitlement instead of paying.
- The survey indicates that the those parents who are not currently employed will seek employment and those in work intend to increase their hours to become eligible.

How do parents apply for the 30hr extended entitlement?

Parents are now able to apply for the 30hr Extended entitlement at the following website

- Parents can either apply for Tax-Free Childcare or 30 hours free childcare or sign into your childcare service account at the address above.
- 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
- Once your identity's been verified they'll be brought back to this site to complete their application.
- Sign up should take around 20 minutes.

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

- 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**.

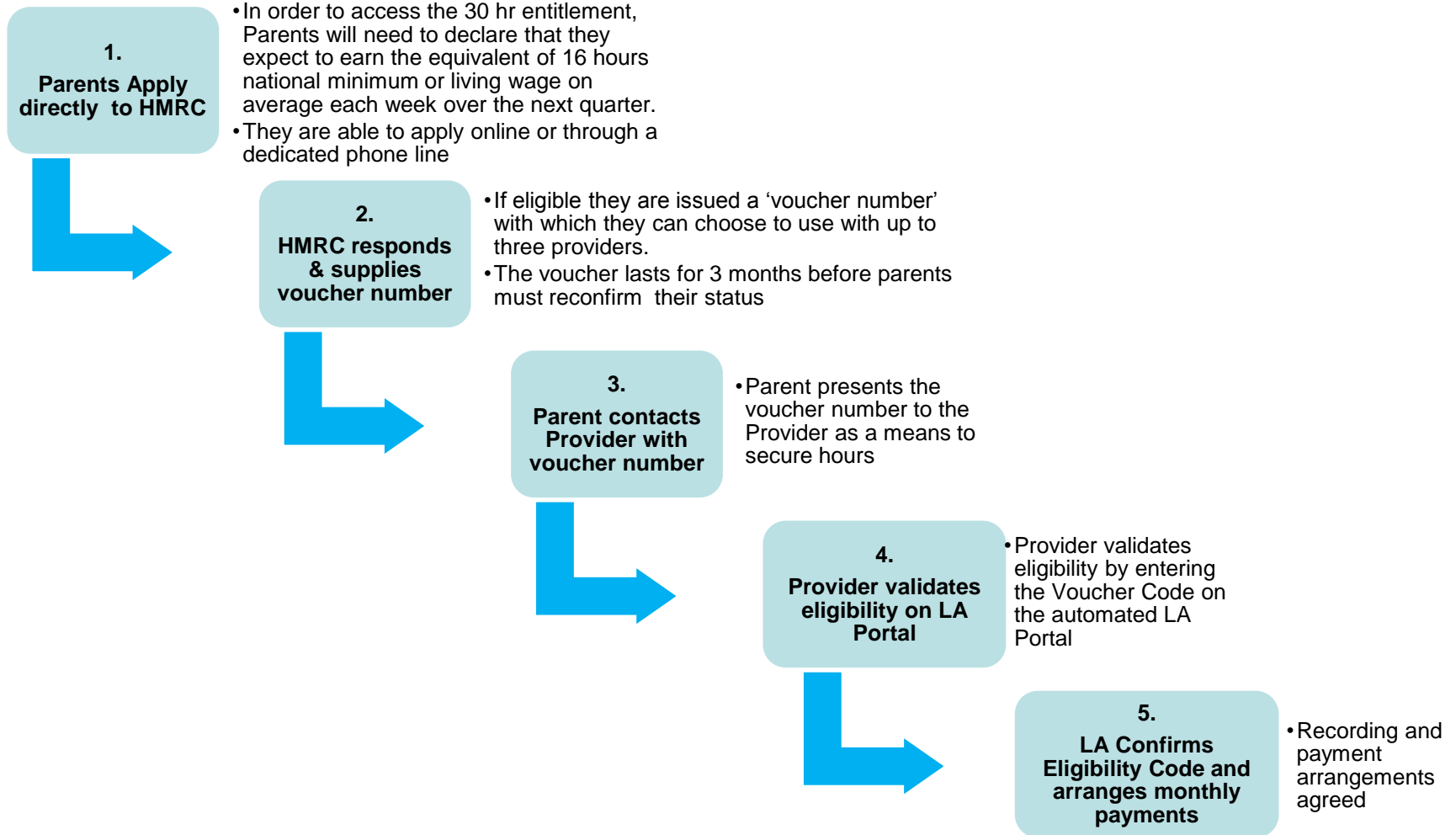
Information they will require to complete the process

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

Details of one or more of the following:

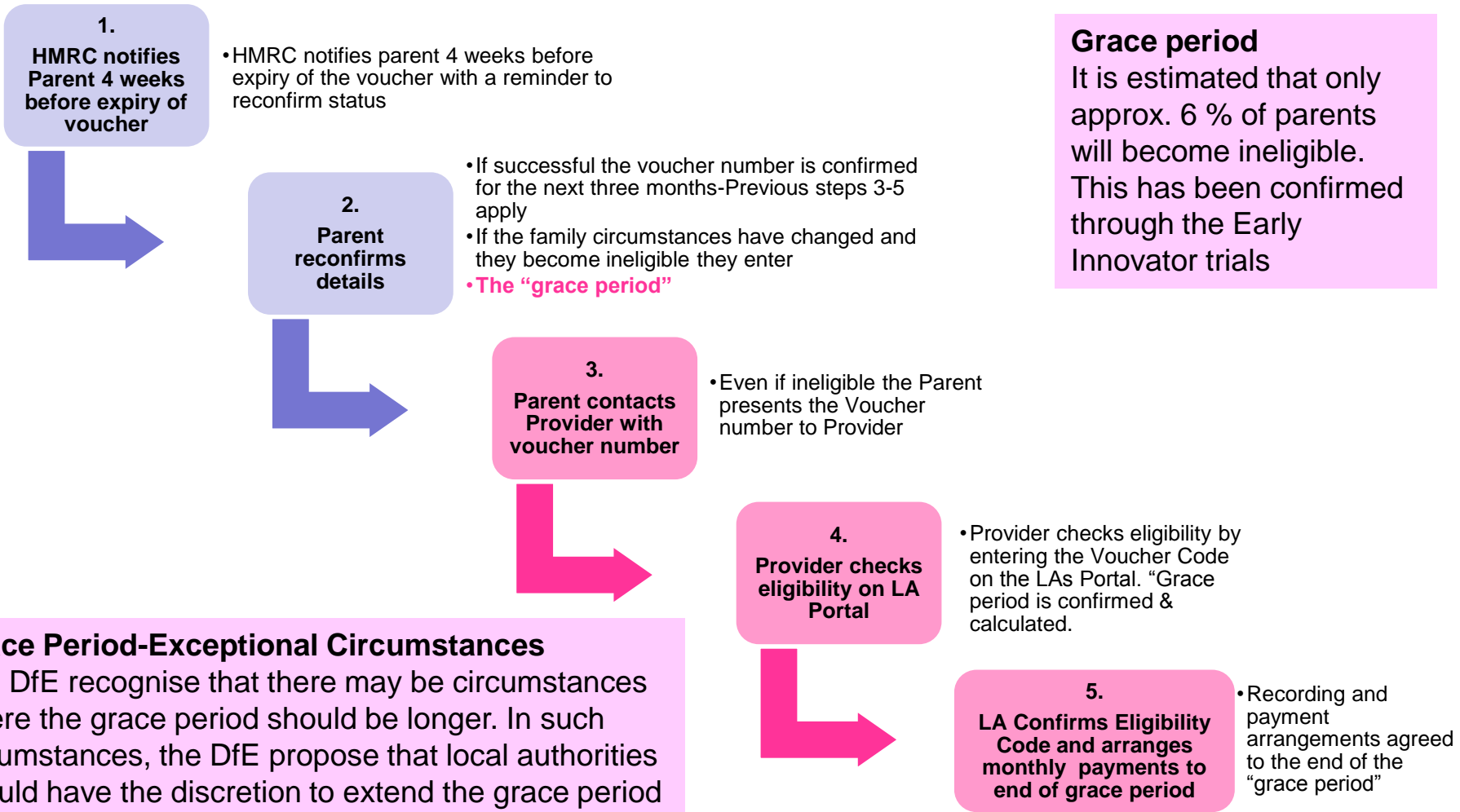
- UK Passport
- Details of any other government support they get e.g. Tax Credits
- P60 or recent pay slip
- If self employed, the Unique Taxpayer Reference
- The date they started, or are due to start work

The parental process for applying



Parental process :

What happens at the 3 month confirmation?



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.

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 ahead of schedule. 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 June/July, but the LA can check eligibility on behalf of 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.

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)

Funding rates from April 2017

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

Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs

Disability Access Fund	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)
Inclusion Fund	An element of the Inclusion fund (£500k) has been made available to assist providers with additional costs. The details of the fund and application process will be available shortly

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

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, which they can use 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.
- To qualify, parents will have to be in work, and each expecting to earn at least £115 a week. Each parent must not have income over £100,000 per year.

Tax-Free Childcare scheme launch to parents

- Tax-Free Childcare will be launched from April 2017. The scheme will be rolled out gradually to families, with parents of the youngest children able to apply first.
- Parents will be able to apply for all their children at the same time, when their youngest child becomes eligible.

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**.

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

- **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.

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

Partnership Working / blended model examples:

Single Provider Single Site



- Provides 30hrs within their setting on a single site

Co-Provider -Single Site



- Provides 15hrs within their setting on a single site



- Provides 15 hrs within their setting on a single site

Walking distance Partnership

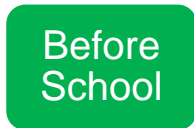


- Provides 15hrs within their setting on their site

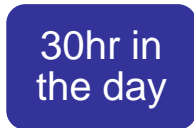


- Provides 15 hrs within their setting on a different site in walking distance

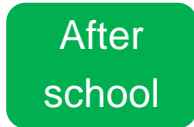
Blended Flexible partnership single site



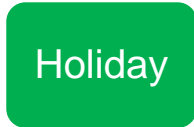
- Provider D- Single Site



- Provider A Single Site

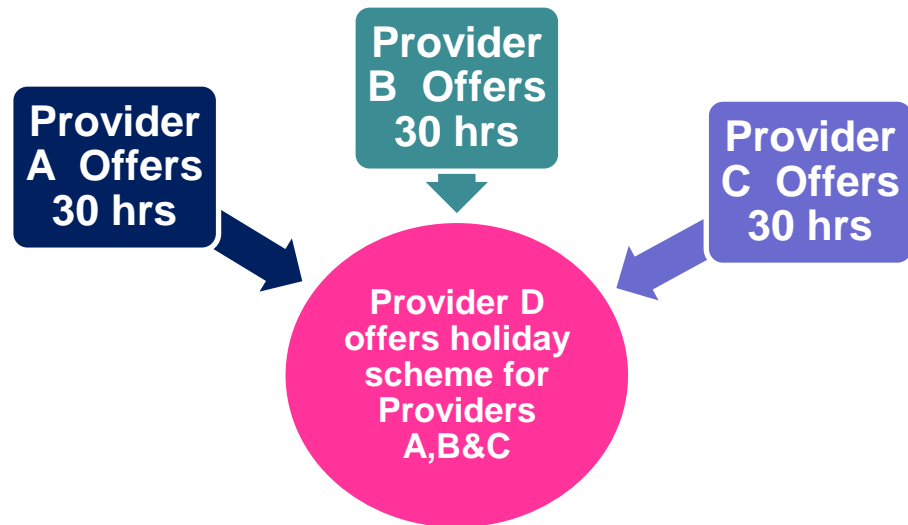


- Provider D - Single Site



- Provider D - Single Site

Blended Flexible partnership-Multiple sites



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

30hr extended entitlement key update-Information for Parents in Ealing

Consistent messaging to parents-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>

The screenshot shows the Ealing Children & Families Directory website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About, Family Services, What's On, Help, Contact Us, My account, and My Shortlist. A 'Select Language' dropdown menu is highlighted with a red arrow, indicating that the site is powered by Google Translate. Below the navigation bar is a green banner for the 'Family Directory' with a search bar. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, highlighted with a yellow arrow, lists various services under the heading 'What would you like to do?'. The right column features a grid of nine service categories, each with an icon and a title: Childcare & Early Learning, Children's Centres, Schools, Things to Do, Young People, Health & Wellbeing, Family Support Services, Training, Volunteering & Employment, and Money Matters & Benefits.

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

30hr extended entitlement key update-Link to info & application to HMRC

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.

Childcare Provider Page

Consistent messaging to parents-National

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

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

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

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



30hr extended entitlement Key updates

DfE Statutory Guidance

- The Early education and childcare Statutory Guidance, including 30hrs is now available on EGFL

DfE 30hrs Operation Guidance (Part 1)

- Part 1 is available now on EGFL and the second part will be released in June.

Go live dates for parents online applications

- Applications can now be made

30hr Provider meetings- area based format at the EEC

- After feedback from our meetings and business planning workshops, we are currently planning the next series of events in May.
- We will bring all the elements together, statutory & operational guidance, grace periods, funding, parental application process, but will hold them in area based formats to assist providers from all sectors to understand who is working in the area, their intentions regarding 30hrs delivery and to assist partnership working. **Book through CPD online**

Wednesday 24 th May	Wednesday 24 th May	Wednesday 24 th May	Thursday 25 th May	Friday 26 th May
9.00am-12.30pm	1.00pm-4.30pm	7.00pm-9.00pm	9.00am-12.30pm	9.00am-12.30pm
Room 18	Room 18	Room 18	Room 18	Room 8&9
Providers from	Providers from	Childminders from all	Providers from	Providers from
Acton & Hanger Lane Area	Central Ealing Area	areas	Greenford, Northolt & Perivale Area	Southall Area