

# Early Years Updates; 30 hour Entitlement and Early Years System Changes

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# 1. Introduction

The extended free childcare entitlement for working parents of three and four-year olds will provide an additional 570 hours per year for eligible working parents of 3 and 4 year olds to a total of 1140 hours per year. This can be taken as 30hrs per week over 38 weeks as a stretched offer (less hours over more weeks)

## **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 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 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The Bill is now an Act of Parliament (law).

## **Timetable**

The 30hr Childcare entitlement was rolled out nationally in **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.

# 1. 30hour Updates

We have seen an increase of 403 children taking up 30hr extended entitlement places from Autumn Term 17 to Spring Term 18

	Autumn Term 17	Autumn Term 17	Spring Term 18	Spring Term 18
<b>Total number of children taking up 30hr place in Ealing</b>	731		1134	
<b>Child postcode verified</b>	731		1134	
<b>Of the 1134 verified</b>		% of total take up		% of total take up
<b>Number in top 10% most deprived IDACI</b>	58	8.0%	109	9.6%
<b>Number in top 20% most deprived IDACI</b>	112	15.3%	180	15.9%
<b>Number in top 30% most deprived IDACI</b>	118	16.1%	181	15.4%

Current Number of Childcare Providers offering 30hr places

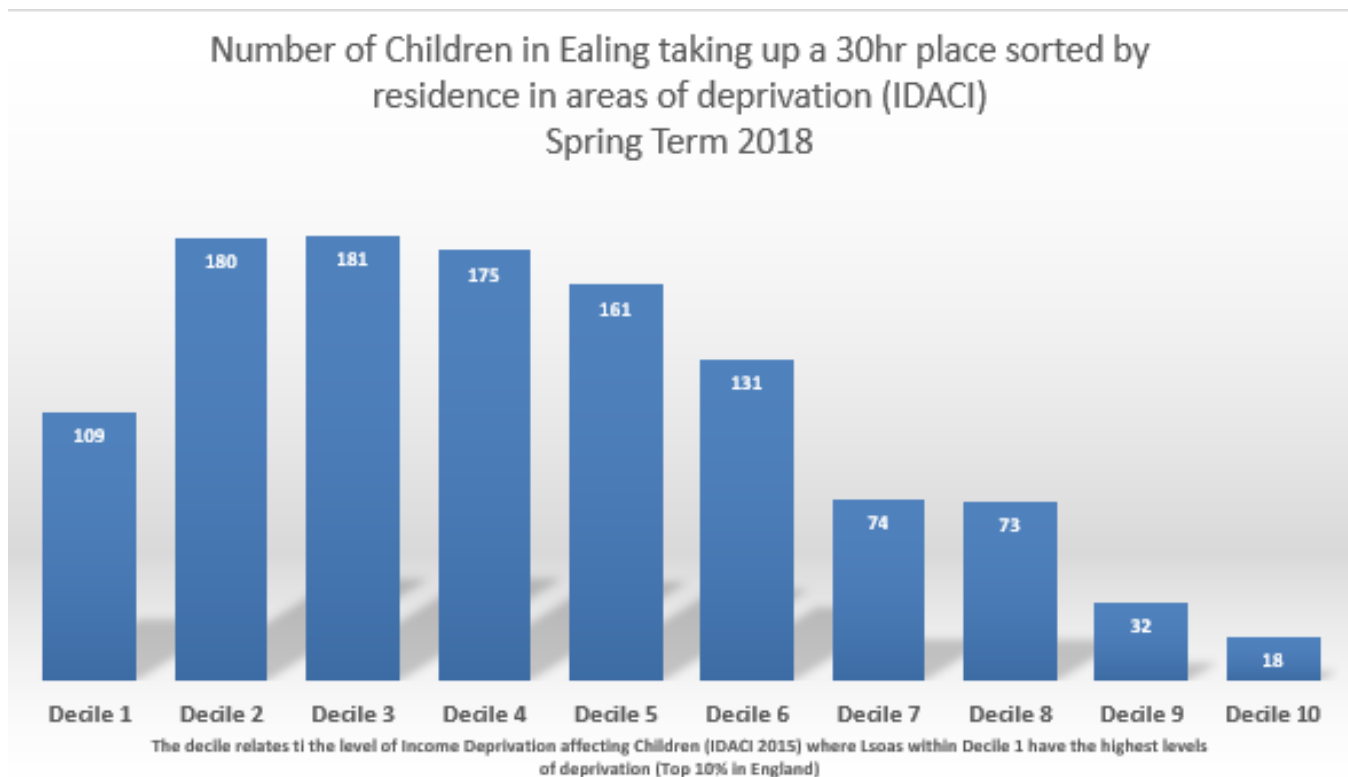
Schools/Academies	21
PVIs	91
Childminders	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>

# 1. 30hour Updates

The graph below shows the distribution of children taking up a 30hr place in relation to their home postcodes and the IDACI deciles.

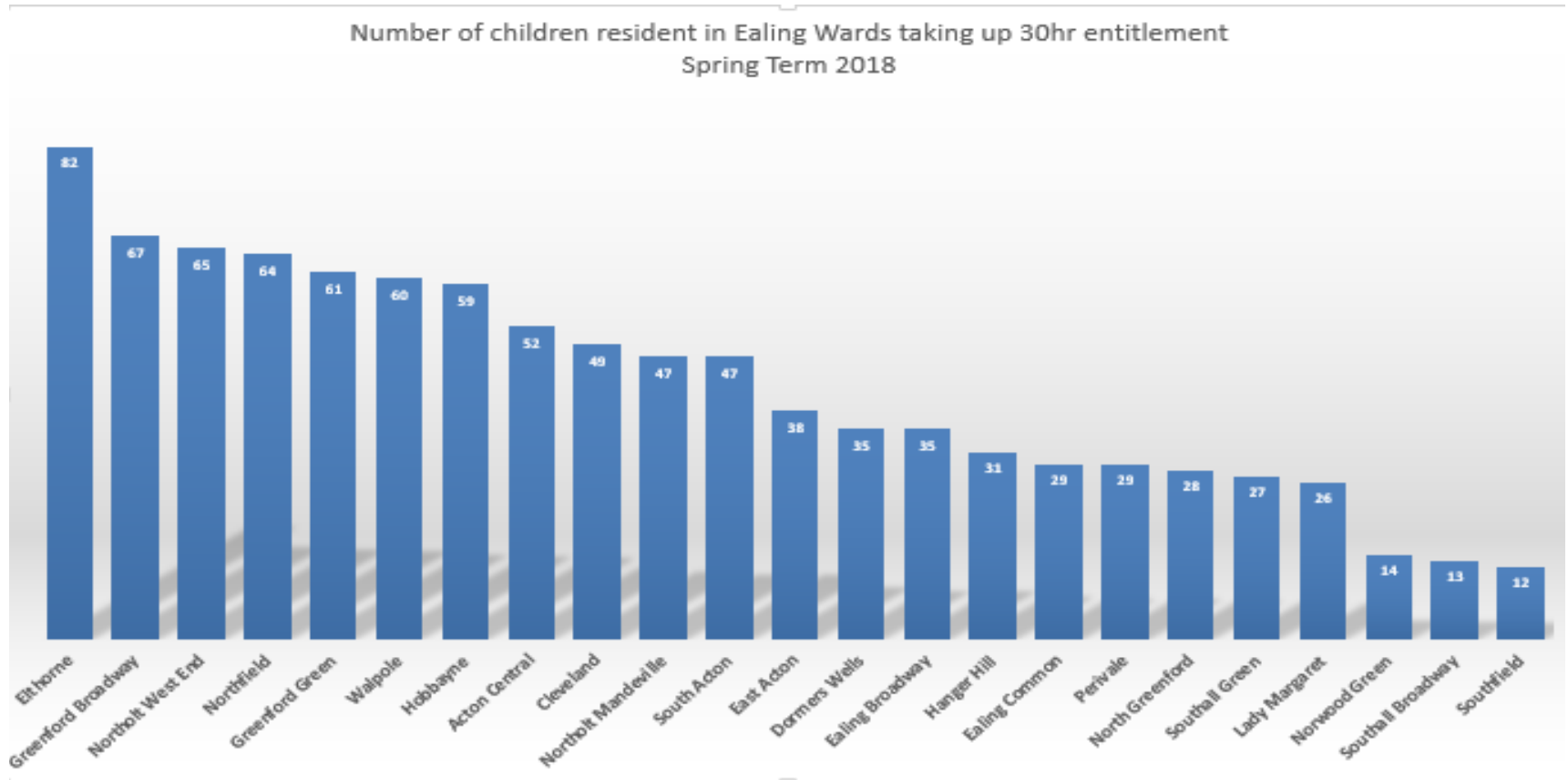
In Spring Term 2018, 41.5% of all places have been taken up by those children living in the 30% most deprived LSOAs in England.

If we add the next decile, this would bring it to 56.9% of all places have been taken by children living in the top 40% most deprived in England



# 1. 30hour Updates

Distribution of children resident in Ealing Wards taking up a 30hr place in Spring Term 2018. Sorted by highest number



## 7a. Online Information & support: 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.

Childcare Provider Page

### Consistent messaging to parents

#### Signpost them to:

- “Childcare Choices” website
- <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
- If parents prefer to apply by telephone or encounter any problems, you should direct their queries to the
- **Childcare Service Customer Interaction Centre**  
**Tel: 0300 123 4097**



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>

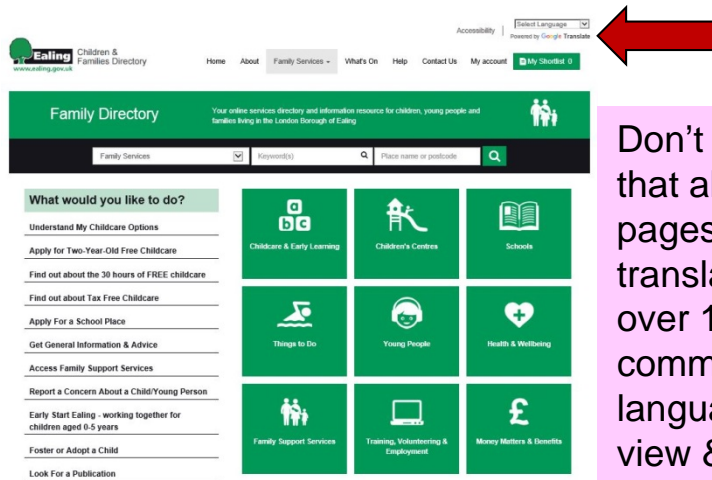


## 7b. Online information & support in Ealing

### Consistent messaging to parents in Ealing

#### Ealing Children & Families Directory

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



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

### EGFL Page dedicated to 30hrs provision

Our dedicated EGFL page has lots of very useful information, guidance and templates for you to use.

<https://www.egfl.org.uk/topics/early-years/30-hours-childcare-programme>

#### Content:

- Guidance
- Events
- Resources
- Business planning/partnership Working guidance
- Information for Parents

## 8. Key messages to Parents

**Key Messages: How to assist Parents at this stage**

1. You should direct parents to **Childcare Choices** and the **Childcare Calculator** to learn more about which offers might be best for them, whether they're likely to be eligible, and to apply for 30hrs extended entitlement & Tax Free Childcare.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

2. If parents prefer to apply by telephone or encounter any problems, you should direct their queries to the **Childcare Service Customer Interaction Centre** Tel: 0300 123 4097.

3. Use the **DfE Eligibility guide** to help parents understand if they are eligible

4. **Urge parents to apply as soon as possible**  
**Parents must have received their eligibility code by 28<sup>th</sup> February to secure a place in April 2018 (Summer Term)**

**Publicity materials** regarding Childcare Choices can be found at the website on the link below.

Promotional resources are available at the site within the England Folder:

- Web copy
- Social media copy
- Newsletter/email copy
- Printable poster & leaflet

**Childcare  
Choices**

<http://transfer.23red.com/public/files/3u3k-88mqpoco>

### **Ealing leaflet**

Ealing has also produced a local leaflet to assist parents understand and apply for 2yr/3&4yr and extended 30hrs. These will be distributed shortly

Available on EGFL 30hr page now



# Early Years Finance Updates

## Funding Rates from April 2018-19

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

	Ealing's <b>Former</b> Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) Rate <b>2016/17</b>	Ealing's <b>Current</b> Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) Rate <b>2017/18</b>	Ealing's <b>Confirmed</b> Early Years Single Funding Formula (EYSFF) Rate <b>2018/19</b>
Base rates for:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Universal 15 hours &amp;</li> <li>Additional 15hrs</li> </ul>	£3.27	£4.64	<b>£4.43</b>
Quality: QTS	£0.70	£0.26	<b>£0.25</b>
Quality: EYPS	£0.56	£0.22	<b>£0.21</b>
Deprivation	£0.21	£0.26	<b>£0.25</b>

### Examples

2016/17

Base rate + QTS= £ 3.97

2017/18

Base rate + QTS = £ 4.90

2018/19

**Base rate + QTS= £ 4.68**

Deprivation is a mandatory supplement. This will be allocated to 25% most deprived postcodes linked to IDAC1 (Income Deprivation Affecting Children)

## 9. Ongoing support for Children with SEN

### Supporting Children with Special Educational Needs

#### Disability Access Fund

- If a child is in receipt of disability living allowance, if nominated by the parent, the school will receive a one off payment of £615 pa (this is the rate for 2017/18 and the value may change per annum).
- We are now asking providers to start collecting this information from parents in order to ensure you receive your entitlements.
- We have devised a template which is available on EGFL for providers to adapt and send out to their parents.
- We will be asking for completed forms and evidence collected in order to process payments.
- Access the form through EGFL

<https://www.egfl.org.uk/topics/early-years/30-hours-childcare-programme>

#### Early Start SEND Inclusion team

New advice service & financial support now available.

Will take the form of practical modelling/coaching in the setting that will support effective use of the funds (depending on the current support level the setting and its capacity to improve)

The Early Years SEND Inclusion Team Manager is Jackie Carolan further information can be found on EGFL;

<https://www.egfl.org.uk/topics/early-years/send-and-inclusion-early-years>

## Early Years Monthly Headcount and Monthly Payments From Apr-18

Ealing will be moving to monthly payments and headcounts from April 2018 for our settings claiming Nursery Education Grant and 2 year old funding, in line with recommendations from the Department of Education.

This will involve providers validating details of children that they will be claiming funding for each month.

Children's data will be carried forward from the previous month and a provider will need to log onto Ealing's portal each month and validate their children's data. This will involve checking the current child data held, adding any new children that have joined a setting as well as removing any children that may have left.

Payments will be made on the basis of 38 weeks of funding being applied over 11 months (excluding August) starting from month 1 in April 18, in line with the new financial year. Each month will take into consideration holiday periods; therefore some months will be longer than others.

## Early Years Monthly Headcount and Monthly Payments From Apr-18

We will be using an online system called Synergy this can be accessed via an internet connection.

All school heads have been informed of the upcoming changes and have been asked to nominate staff in their schools that will be completing the monthly submissions.

All schools have been sent user account details for the Synergy portal in order to complete their monthly submissions.

### **Reasons For The Change;**

Early Years in Ealing is currently experiencing a falling headcount, payments based on actual headcounts each month will eliminate the need for adjustments each term and help schools with budgeting.

To help accommodate the 30 hour offer.

To have one transparent system for all our providers.

## Early Years Monthly Headcount and Monthly Payments From Apr-18

Workshops are being held to introduce the changes, at the EEC on the following day/times;

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 13:30 – 15:30

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 10:00 – 12:00

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 10:00 – 12:00

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 10:00 – 12:00

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 13:30 – 15:30

We strongly recommend that all schools have at least one representative attend a training session to ensure a smooth transition to the new process and to ensure your school does not experience a delay in Early Years funding being claimed and paid from April.

In order to book onto to a session please do via CPD online;

<https://www.ealingcpd.org.uk/cpd/default.asp?sid=>

Please click the **Early Years** section and search for;

**Early Years Funding System Changes from April 2018 for all Maintained Schools offering Early Years Funded Places**

If you have any trouble booking onto a session please contact Vanessa Newman on

[NewmanV@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:NewmanV@ealing.gov.uk)

# Contacts

## One to one Support for schools and providers

If your school/ childcare provider has not yet started to plan for 30hrs, but would be interested in discussing how to plan for this in the future, I am very happy to come to your setting to provide information and support.

## Online information and support materials for providers

We also have lots of information and templates available for providers at our EGFL page, which you may find useful.

<https://www.egfl.org.uk/topics/early-years/30-hours-childcare-programme>

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