



30 hours free childcare for working families Early Implementer Update 2

We are delighted that our discussions with the Department for Education (DfE) about the funding rate for the early implementation of 30 hours free childcare for working families have reached a positive outcome. This is very welcome news that brings benefits to support both working parents and early years providers from September 2016 and we are very much looking forward to continue working with parents and providers through the early implementation period and beyond.

We are communicating with our early years providers to clarify what this means for providers to be part of the early implementation and we anticipate that from September 2016 there will be:

- Some providers who can deliver the 30 hours from 1st September 2016. Many families will already be taking up the universal 15 hours and paying for additional hours. Therefore if you are already accessing more than 15 hours at one or more providers, the Local Authority will now pay for up to an additional 15 hours instead of you the parent/carer.
- Some providers may have already allocated places for September but wish to deliver the 30 hours as soon as practicable during the early implementation.
- Some providers will be committed to working with the early implementation of 30 hours free childcare but due to restrictions such as space/staffing etc they are not able to deliver some or all of the additional 15 hours. In this instance, they will be able to signpost you to other local providers where there may be vacancies for the additional hours or to the Families Information Service for further information.

Eligible Children

The additional 15 hours of free childcare will be available to families in York where they meet the national eligibility criteria and the family live in the York Local Authority area, i.e. **pay council tax to City of York Council** and they take up a place at a City of York registered early years provider.

As is the case for the universal 15 hours, the additional 15 hours will be free at the point of delivery.

Eligibility Process

More information on the eligibility process for providers and parents will follow.

Eligibility Criteria

- Both parents are working (or sole parent in a lone parent family) & both earn a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at the minimum wage (for under 25 yr olds) or national living wage (if over 25 yrs old) & less than £100,000 per annum (this includes employed, self-employed & zero hours contracts). You do not need to actually work 16 hours per week, but your earnings must equal at least 16 hrs work at minimum wage / national living wage.
- Both parents are employed but one or both parents is temporarily away from the workplace on parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave or statutory sick pay.

- One parent is employed & the other parent has substantial caring responsibilities based on specific benefits received for caring.
- One parent is employed & one parent is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits.