

Early Years

Entitlements Expansion & Wrap Around Childcare Webinar

September 2023



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Two key developments

- Expansion of Free Early Education Entitlements (FEEE) offer
- Increasing the supply of Wrap Around Childcare, so all parents of school-age children can access childcare from 8am-6pm , if they need it



Wrap Around Childcare



- Reception to Year 6 (not nursery)
- Term Time Only (not school holidays)
- Starting in Sept 2024, 0800 to 1800
- Schools and Academies can commission PVI's and Childminders to deliver Wrap Around Care
- Parents will have to pay, but can use Tax Free Childcare or Childcare element of Universal Credit to support costs
- £289M available to LAs



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Wrap Around Childcare Q&A



Questions???



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Entitlements Expansion - Terminology

Glossary

- **Under 2s** – 9m plus (i.e. term after 9th month ‘birthday’ until the term after 2nd birthday from a working family)

Birth Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
9th month ‘birthday’	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
Eligible from...	Jan	Jan	Jan	Apr	Apr	Apr	Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep	Jan

- **Eligible 2 year olds** (same as before; for disadvantaged children)
- **30 hour 2 year olds** (i.e. term after 2nd birthday to term after 3rd birthday from a working family)
- **30 hour 3 and 4 year olds** (same as before)
- **Expanded hours** – previously Extended Hours
- **Eligibility Code** – previously a ‘30 hour code’



Entitlements Expansion Phases

Current Entitlements

- Universal 15 free hours for Eligible 2 year olds (most disadvantaged, who apply online through BCC)
- Universal 15 free hours for all 3 and 4 year olds
- Extended 15 free hours (making 30 hours) for 3 and 4 year olds from working families

Future Entitlements (Expansion Phases)

1. **From April 2024** - 15 expanded free hours for 2 year olds from working families
2. **From September 2024** - 15 expanded free hours for Under 2s from working families
3. **From September 2025** – 30 expanded free hours for Under 2s to Under 5s from working families



Focus on 2 year olds

3 x different 'types' of 2 year olds

- A. **Eligible 2 year olds** (our disadvantaged children. Limited to 15 universal hours)
- B. **30 hour 2 year olds** (i.e. from a working family. Getting 30 expanded hours)
- C. **Privately paying 2 year olds** (e.g. where only 1 parent works. Getting no free hours)

Base rate will be same for Eligible 2 year olds and 30 hour 2 year olds. We will be working on supporting providers to continue to offer places to our most disadvantaged children.

Can't have both entitlements. Parents will choose if eligible for one then the other. E.g. were unemployed and were offered an Eligible 2 year old place, and then got a job and obtained an eligibility code for 30 hours.



What age can get which hour and when???

The term after their 'birthday' ...

Age of Child	Description of Age Group	Universal Free Hours?	Expanded Free Hours?
Under 9 months	Babies	No	No
9 months plus to 23 months	Under 2s	No	Yes (15 in Sept 24, or 30 from Sept 25)
2 years old	Eligible 2 Year olds	Yes (15)	No
2 years old	30 hour 2 year olds	No	Yes (15 in Apr 24, or 30 from Sept 25)
3 to 4 years old	3 and 4 year olds	Yes (15)	Yes (15)



Example Journey of Ali

Ali turns 2 on 1st Dec 2023. Their parents both work, so they are eligible for expanded hours.

January 24

- Ali's parent applies for an eligibility code with HMRC

April 24

- Ali starts claiming 15 expanded hours at nursery

January 25

- Ali is now eligibly 3, so can claim 15 universal and 15 expanded hours (30 hours)



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How will parents apply?

Same pathway as current 30 hours

- HMRC will issue codes (some might soon begin 502..., 503....)
- www.childcarechoices.gov.uk
- Parents of 2 year olds can apply from Jan 2024, ready for April 2024



Same eligibility criteria as current 30 hours

- Both parents in household must be working (n/a if single parent)
- Minimum income of equivalent of 16 hours at min wage (£167 per week)
- Maximum income of £100,000 a year (each parent)
- Maternity and Paternity leave included as income (**careful of ending paid mat leave at 9m before requesting a code if having last 3 months off unpaid**)
- Carers' allowance included as income

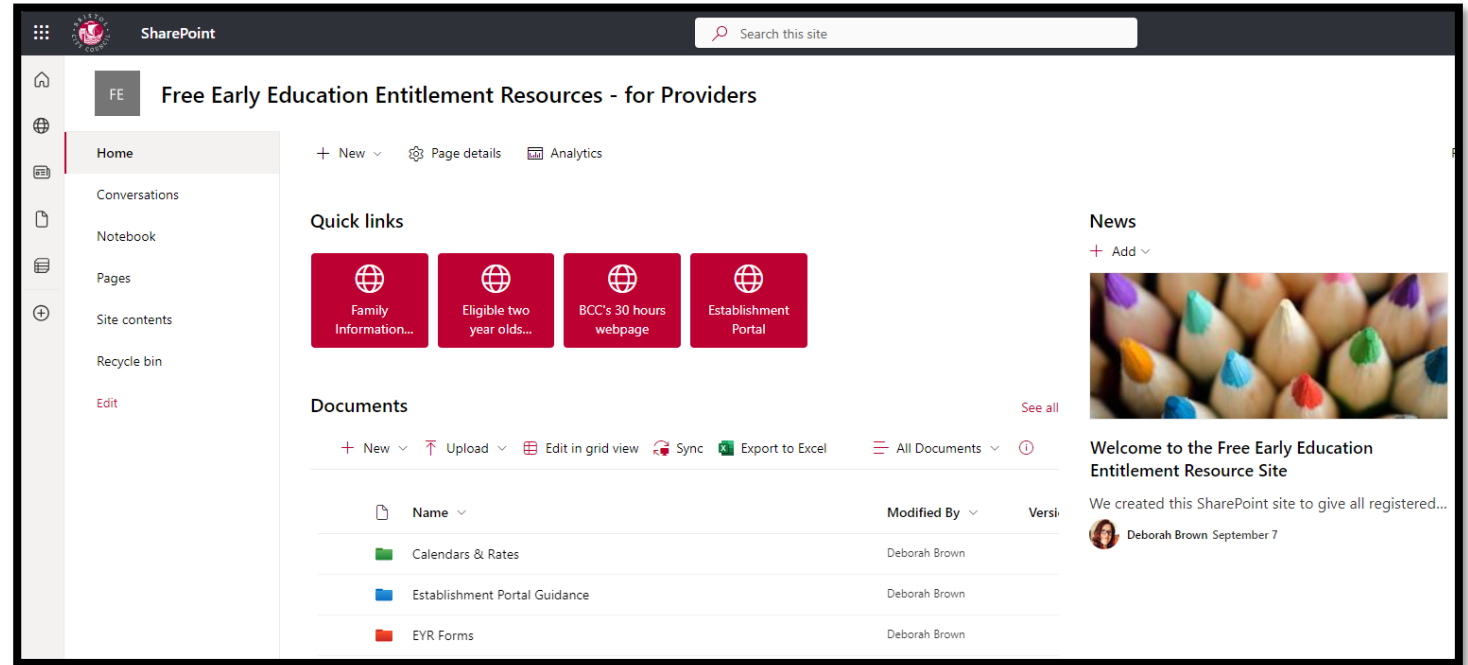


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Do Providers need to apply to offer these new entitlementments?

Yes!

- Sign an amended EYR7b form by 31/12/23
- Submit an updated Admissions Policy
- New SharePoint Site for all EY Forms – link will be emailed to all Ofsted registered email addresses and portal users



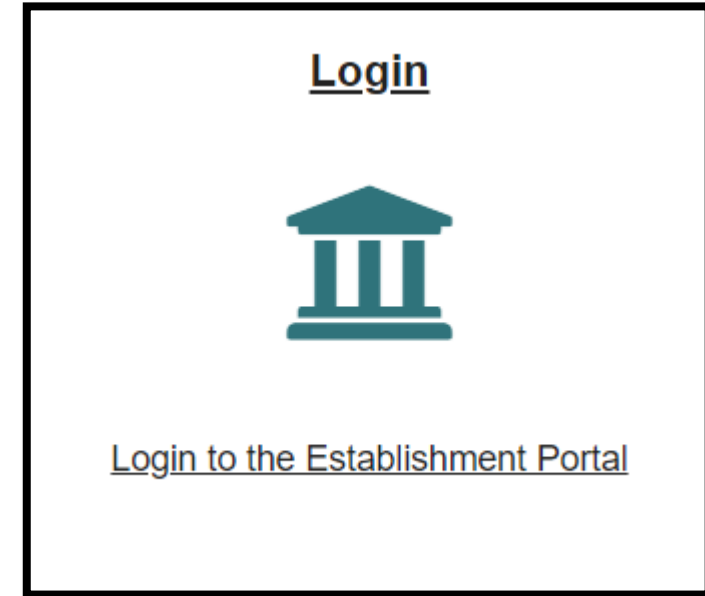
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What will happen on the portal, headcount and census?

PVIs and Childminders

Same processes as before...

- Complete an EYR1 form (new version coming)
- Check children's eligibility code in advance
- Add child to the live register
- Portal will separate children into relevant age groups
- Submit estimates
- Submit headcounts
- Submit censuses



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Schools and Academies

Same processes as before...

- Complete an EYR1 form (new version coming)
- Check children's eligibility code in advance via submitted EYR4a 30 hour codes (6 times a year)
- Add child to your MIS System
- Submit school census (codes must match EYR4a)



Entitlements Expansion Phases - sufficiency

Expansion Phase Demand Estimates

1. April 2024 - 15 expanded free hours for 2 year olds from working families

220,000 nationally, 198-991 locally (DfE), 1729-2651 (BCC)

2. September 2024 - 15 expanded free hours for Under 2s from working families

420,000 nationally, 382-2512 locally (DfE), 2096-3214 (BCC)

3. September 2025 – 30 expanded free hours for Under 2s to 3 year olds from working families

640,000 nationally, 580-3503 locally (DfE), 3825-5865 (BCC)

There are not all 'new' places as many children will 'switch' from paid to free



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How will we achieve this?

Assess, support and plan

1. Survey providers (supply)
2. Survey parents (demand)
3. Assess physical space available for education (Ofsted reg and Education Property)
4. Utilise Childcare Sufficiency Assessment trends, especially SEND places
5. Work with the R&R Forum to find pathways into staffing solutions
6. Work with providers interesting in expanding to make sustainable business plans (supported by BAND)
7. Encourage new Childminder registrations (£600 Ofsted, £1200 CMA)
8. Continue to maximise base rates (by not adding in additional supplements like flexibility) to ensure as high a rate as possible
9. Support providers on the change in 2 year old ratio
- 10. COMMUNICATE** – provider forum, parent forum, news updates in Sharepoint, more webinars, 1-2-1 sessions.



Additional Expansion Changes



Proposed in last consultation

- EYPP for all ages (still only universal hours)
- DAF for all ages
- Deprivation Supplement for all ages
- EY SEN Panel mandatory for all ages (already happening in Bristol)
- 95% pass through expanded to cover all funding streams (currently just 3 and 4s), increasing to 97% in future years.
- Delivery support funding for all LAs to help roll out the expansion



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Focus on 2 year olds - EYPP

Which of the 3 x types of 2 year olds will be eligible for EYPP?

- A. **Eligible 2 year olds** (for disadvantaged children. Limited to 15 universal hours)
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Answer: Only group A, but then only approx 50% as half come from low income families, so won't meet the criteria for EYPP (not working at all).

- 2yo household income max limit = £15,400
- EYPP household income max limit = £7,400
- 30 hours house income min limit = £8,670 (single) or £17,340 (2 person)



Questions???



Would you like to join our provider engagement group?

- Monthly Online Meeting (1 hour session)
- Would like representation from ALL sectors
- Updates what we have learned from DfE releases
- Help testing changes in the portal
- Help constructing EYR1 changes
- Feedback on your planning progress
- Feedback on barriers

We don't just want those who are taking part – we need all voices please!

Email eyclaims@bristol.gov.uk



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