

Working Families Early Education and Childcare Entitlement Information Webinar



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Housekeeping and Introductions

Please use the chat function to ask questions

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If we do have time at the end, we will open up the floor for people to ask questions at the end.

The session will not be recorded. We will make the slides available and produce a FAQ document from questions asked in the chat after the webinar.

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What is the purpose of the webinar?

Set out the role and responsibilities of Bradford Council and providers.

Outline the new entitlements.

Inform providers on all information and guidance that is available to both them and parents.

Layout the proposed early education funding base rates for April 2024 and what they mean for providers.

Share our sufficiency outcome for April 2024 to providers and inform how we came to the decision.

Finally, we will briefly outline the next steps for the remaining entitlements



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What is the role and responsibilities of the LA and Providers?

Bradford Councils responsibilities

- ensuring there are sufficient entitlement places for all eligible children across the district.
- managing the supply of places to support the sustainability of the existing sector through place planning, data analysis and providing information advice and support to existing and new providers.
- providing a digital platform for submission of providers funding claims and eligibility checking.
- providing information, guidance and support to families to access early education childcare services.

Providers responsibilities

- Providers wishing to provide government funded places must meet the statutory requirements to provide a fully funded place for eligible children.
- Providers must have a complete parent agreement form, an eligibility check and submit accurate data via the Early years Portal.
- Engage with Bradford Council by providing information to enable accurate mapping of the supply and demand of entitlement places.



What are the new entitlements?

Working Parents Early Education and Childcare Entitlement

- **April 2024 – 15 hours for eligible working families with a child aged 2 years old**
- September 2024 – 15 hours for eligible working families with a child between 9 and 23 months old.
- September 2025 – 30 hours for eligible working families with a child from 9 months old up to school age

The child is eligible for the entitlement the term after their birthday.

For example, a child aged 2 on the 31st August will be able to claim hours from the Autumn term starting 1st September. And a child aged 9 months on the 1st September will be able to claim hours from the following January.

Funded hours per week (for up to 38 weeks).



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What are the new entitlements?

- Eligibility for working families is determined by HMRC. The base eligibility is.
 - Parents must each expect to earn (on average) at least £167 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage).
 - Not eligible if a parent expects to earn £100,000
- Parents are required to make an application to HMRC via the Childcare Service. If eligible they will be issued an eligibility code to give to the provider to confirm eligibility and claim the funding.
- The eligibility code will work in exactly the same way at the existing 30hrs for three and four years olds
- The funding claim and funding payment process for provider will be the same as the current system via the Bradford Early Years Portal



Communications

- As information is released from the DfE, and when internal processes are set up, the Early Education Funding Team (EEF) are sending updates by email and posts on Bradford Schools Online.
- Providers have been sent 4 Working Parent Entitlement Key Updates to all Early Years Portal users.
- The EEF Team will continue to send information and guidance on processes and deadlines as they are set, recorded training will be provided.



Where can you send parents for more information?

Support towards paying for early education and childcare



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FYI Funded Childcare



Financial support is available to parents towards the cost of childcare through a variety of government support schemes

Funded early education and childcare hours

These support parents to reduce their childcare costs by the number of funded hours per week their child is eligible for.

The number of hours you're entitled to depends on the age of your child and your family circumstances:

	3-4 years	2 years	9-23 months
Now	15 hours for all 30 hours for working families	15 hours for Terrific Twos	None
April 2024	15 hours for all 30 hours for working families	15 hours for Terrific Twos and working families	None
Sept 2024	15 hours for all 30 hours for working families	15 hours for Terrific Twos and working families	15 hours for working families



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Where can you send parents for more information?

[Read more on the upcoming changes.](#)


FIND THE RIGHT OFFER FOR YOU

Enter your details to help find out how you can save money on your childcare.
The details you enter into this eligibility checker will never be stored.
See more in our [personal information charter](#).

You are living in:

England 

You are:


I earn on average more than £167 a week 

Do you live with a partner?

Yes

No

My partner is:

earning on average more than £167 a week 

My children:

Entering your children's information will make the results more relevant.

Child's first name

Month & year of birth

January 


2022 

Does your child have any disabilities?

Yes

No

Reset form

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may be available 

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What are the funding rates 2024-2025?

9-23 Months
£10.15/h base rate

2 Year Old
£7.35/h base rate

3&4 Year Old
£4.94/h base rate

Please note:

- These are the proposed rates and **have yet to be approved** by the council executive committee.
- These are the **base rates** not including Early Year Pupil Premium or SEND/ Deprivation Rate.
- To see an estimate of what your actual rate would be, please see the Early Years Funding Ready Reckoner on Bradford Schools Online.



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What do the new funding rates look like in practice?

Using the base rates a calculation of the potential funding received from each practitioner per week for full delivery of the funded hours (15hrs)

9-23 Months 1:3

£10.15/h base rate

£30.45/practitioner per
hour

£456.75/wk(15hrs)

2 Year Old 1:5

£7.35/h base rate

£36.75/practitioner
per hour

£551.25/wk(15hrs)

3&4 Year Old 1:8

£4.94/h base rate

£39.52/practitioner
per hour

£592.80/wk(15hrs)

2 Year Old 1:4

£7.35/h base rate

£29.40/practitioner
per hour

£441/wk(15hrs)



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What do the new funding rates look like in practice?

Alternatively, for childminders whose staffing models differ to group-based providers the calculation can be display like below

Age Group	Different funding rates
9-23 months	£10.15
2 Year Old	£7.35
3 Year Old	£4.94
4 Year Old	£4.94
Average hourly rate from term after 9 months to school age	£6.85
Average weekly rate from term after 9 months to school age for 15 funded hours	£102.68



Sufficiency Timeline

In **October 2023** we assessed supply and demand across the Bradford District

- To assess supply of 2 years old childcare we collected capacity data from providers
- To assess demand of 2 years old childcare we used established 30hr codes for 3&4 years old as a percentage of the 3&4 years old cohort.

In **December 2023** we launched our 2 years old vacancy survey. At ward level, this highlighted areas which required more detailed analysis due to potential shortfall of places.

After detailed analysis of shortfall hotspots in **January 2024** we were able to come to sufficiency outcome for April 2024.



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Sufficiency Timeline

For April 2024 we expect demand for childcare to increase **BUT** we predict that **the existing supply of childcare will meet this demand.**



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Programme Delivery Funding

- The Department for Education have allocated Bradford Council £962,533 Capital Funding 2023-2026.
- The funding is for use across both programmes
 - 30-hours entitlement places for children aged 9-months to 3-year-olds
 - wraparound provision for primary school aged children
- Decisions on the use of the capital funding will be determined once the data analysis for working families and the wraparound is completed. By June 2024.
- There is no revenue start-up funding for the working families entitlement expansion programme



What are the next steps?

- We will continue to monitor how the 2 years old entitlement develops after April 2024 by analysing the claimed funding codes in Summer and Autumn.
- September 2024 – 9-23 Months Working Families 15hr Entitlement
- 9-23 Months Vacancy Survey.
 - Inform Bradford Councils sufficiency decisions to support the development of places in areas where demand exceed supply.
 - Signpost parents to providers with vacancies
- 9-23 Months Working Families Entitlement Information Webinar over summer.
- Sept 2025 – 9 Months to School Age Working Families 30hr Entitlement



Questions



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