IMPORTANT MESSAGE for providers delivering 30 hours - valid code **EXTENSION** for summer 2018 term.

HMRC envisage there will be a small number of parents who **applied before 31 March** that may receive their 30 hours code in April. This may be due to a number of reasons such as technical problems or HMRC requiring additional information before making an eligibility determination. Those parents who applied on time, but receive a code after the deadline can take up a summer term place.

HMRC are also aware that in some parts of the country the Easter holidays fall in the first two weeks of April and are keen to avoid placing additional burdens on local authorities and providers during this time, when they know a large number of providers will not be open.

Therefore, the local authority can fund a parent where they have **applied by 31 March but have a 30 hours code dated between 1 and 23 April**.

* For digital codes (beginning ‘500’), providers will need to ask parents to acquire evidence of when they applied. HMRC will be able to issue a standard email or letter with the ‘application date’ to parents who contact the helpline requesting evidence.
* Temporary codes (beginning ‘11’) will only be issued to parents who applied/attempted to apply by 31 March and so should be accepted as evidence that the parent applied by the deadline.

Please ensure you keep a copy of evidence that the parent has **applied by 31 March** for audit purposes.

Please note that for any new parents wanting to access a place you must always check their code is a valid code before offering a place.

Any queries please contact the sufficiency officer team at sufficiency@bradford.gov.uk