

Working Parent Entitlements Key Updates	2	15.12.2023
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- **Funding Rates** The Department for Education have published the Government's response to the recent consultation on early entitlement funding and the confirmation of local authority hourly funding rates for 2024-25.
We are currently working through the funding rates for providers and will publish a consultation document around 10 January 2024 which will fully set out the Authority's proposals and give sight of indicative funding rates.
Once published, the consultation will run until 5 February 2024 for all providers to make a response.
- **Sufficiency Surveys** We are conducting a series of brief online surveys over the next 12 months as the new entitlements are implemented. We will email you to introduce each survey as they are launched.
We launched the first survey this week (Vacancy Survey) to gather vacancy information initially for two year olds places. All providers offering two year old places have been sent a link to the survey for sufficiency@bradford.gov.uk
We will use the data collected from the survey to aid our supply data analysis, and to signpost parents looking for a place for their child.
Your support is invaluable to us so we can ensure we have sufficient places to meet parental demand, as well as to inform any additional place development that may be required.
- **From April 2024, eligible working parents of two-year-olds** will be able to access 15 hours entitlement. Applications for this first stage of the roll out will open on 2 January 2024. Parents will be asked to reconfirm that they are still eligible for the support every 3 months.
The DfE recommends those eligible **apply between mid-January and the end of February** so that parents won't need to reconfirm eligibility before taking up a place.
Parents can apply via [Childcare Choices](#).
- The 2024/25 **Funded Hours Parent Agreement Form** will be published week commencing 29 January 2024. This will include the eligibility code details for the working entitlements. We have brought the publication of this document forward to support you in gathering the data needed to carry out the checks in preparation for the Summer term.

