

### The extra funding is to:

support working parents to manage  
the cost of childcare  
support parents into work  
allow parents to increase their hours,  
should they wish to

### How will parents access this funding?

Parents will be able to access the  
funding through early years providers.  
This includes:  
childminders  
group settings  
out of school providers  
school run early years provision

### How will parents apply for a 30 hour place for september 2017?

Parents will be able to apply for both  
Tax-Free Childcare and the 30 hours' free  
childcare through the Childcare Service  
being developed by Her Majesty's Revenue  
and Customs (HMRC). This joint online  
application system will provide a simple and  
straightforward way for working parents to  
access the schemes and will avoid the need  
to provide the same information twice. This  
system is currently being developed and  
trials by HMRC and DfE. We will provide  
more details in due course, it is expected  
that the application system will be launched  
in late Spring 2017.

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This case study captures three different  
perspectives, in the south East area of the  
county, accessing 30 hours free childcare  
as part of the pilot.

During the pilot the offer was opened  
gradually to families in phases. This led to  
some families feeling disappointed at not  
immediately qualifying for place.

Speaking to a parent, childminder and  
school about their experiences and learning  
from the pilot we have addressed many of  
the issues raised such as making applying  
for a place clear and transparent. Providing  
on line information and guidance to all as  
well as facilitating the development of  
locality partnerships.

Key learning:

**Childminders** importance of flexibility.

**Schools** be proactive in knowing when  
children are using other providers.

**Parents** directed to use the guidance for  
completing documents and never give up!  
This child was already accessing both  
providers and converted to the 30 hours  
entitlement.



I was already looking after a little boy for 15 hours per week, every morning, when the 30 hours childcare was announced. I asked his parents if they may be entitled to this.

They were naturally interested and went online to fill out the form. They found the process difficult and as it turned out, they were not initially eligible due to the rurality criteria stated in the pilot.

When, at a later date the criteria was extended, I suggested they apply again. They were not optimistic because of their original disappointment but after talking about it they decided to try again.

They found the process much easier this time and were delighted to discover they were eligible.

They changed my hours from mornings to afternoons to accommodate the school offer which worked well for all of us. I found the online submission for payment easy.



At first I didn't even know we had a child who was taking up the 30 hours. As the pilot is parent led they do not need to inform the school that they had applied for the funding.

I didn't think we would have any eligible children as the remit for eligibility was rurality which I thought would exclude us.

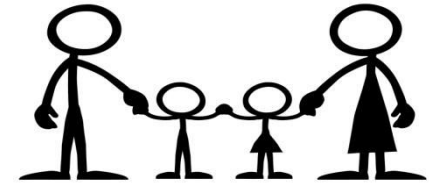
We definitely need to find out more about the 30 hours, what schools need to do and who is eligible.

We will need more details and do some targeted work with parents and think about capacity and staffing for september when more children will be eligible for 30 hours childcare.

How will we accommodate parents who want a full day in school, can we use breakfast club and after school club?

We will need to work in partnership with childminders or other provision in the area.

A lot to think about!



WE found applying for funding quiet a long process as originally we were not in the original area for the pilot. We tried again a few weeks later when more places had been released and we submitted the forms online. We kept checking our emails and it was getting very close to the deadline when we got word. Unfortunately, we had not filled the application correctly so we needed to submit again.

Eventually we were successful with the application and arranged with our Childminder and School for the hours to be shared between them.

I think there should be an easier way to apply when your Childminder/Nursery is keeping a place open for you.

The arrangement is working well for us now. **WE are so, so pleased!**