

# **The offer, capacity and demand.**

## **Information in response to questions such as:**

Who is allowed to register to provide 30 hours?  
When can we offer 30 hours?  
Who can claim funding?  
What is the demand in my area?  
How will Ofsted inspect 30 hours EYFS?

## **Registering for early education funding and / or delivering 30 hours free childcare:**

The council will be contacting all providers currently registered for early education funding to confirm whether they will be offering the full 30 hours free childcare. Indications from the provider survey completed in January 2017 shows that around 55% of existing providers are expecting to offer the additional hours and a further 30% are currently assessing their options. The Solihull Family Information Service website will enable providers to promote their offer and for parents to search according to need.

Any provider or setting that is registered with Ofsted on the Early Years Register or within a school can apply to register for early education funding. The LA registers settings for 3 and 4 year-old funding who are not in an inadequate Ofsted category. If you would like to apply please contact the Early Years Team on 0121 704 6150 or [eyenquiries@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:eyenquiries@solihull.gov.uk).

The 30 hours free extended entitlement will be inspected against the EYFS as part of a school or early years Ofsted inspection. The quality of EYFS provision should be maintained for all elements of free and fee paying early education. School provision is listed on Edubase and the Ofsted website lists associated providers for all provision.

## **Using 30hr free childcare entitlement with a maintained school nursery:**

Parents will be able to use the 30hr free childcare entitlement at a maintained school nursery class.

Offers for the nursery places starting from September 2017 have already been made and therefore it is unlikely that schools will change their offer for this group of children. Schools, like all providers, will be able to offer the full entitlement from their site. Many schools have governor run extended provision and many will work with other providers in partnership to offer the full 1,140 hours.

## **Planning rules:**

Normal local authority planning rules will still apply and there is no new or additional guidance from the government in relation to planning applications submitted by settings in relation to the 30 hrs free childcare entitlement.

The council is not aware that the government will be offering any additional grant funding to enable settings to extend their provision.

Sufficiency information for December 2016 is available at:

<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Resident/children/childcare/childminders>

Further information will be available in late spring / early summer 2017.