

**Eligibility for the additional free entitlement** will include households where:

- ☐ All parents (whether two-parent family or lone parent) are working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the National Minimum or Living Wage (includes income received from tax credits or Universal Credit) and/or:
- ☐ One/ both parent/s is away on leave (parental, maternal etc.)
- ☐ One/ both parent/s is on Statutory sick pay
- ☐ Parents on zero-hours contracts will be eligible, as are those who are registered as self-employed
- ☐ One parent is employed and the other parent has either: substantial caring responsibilities/ and or disability; is a foster carer with their own three- and four-year-old children
- ☐ Parents who are in training will not be eligible as they can receive other Government support
- ☐ There is an income cap. If one parent's income exceeds £100k the household will not be eligible

DfE are developing an online **application and eligibility checking system** to make it easy for parents to apply and to minimise burdens on providers and LAs. The eligibility criteria should be publicised to parents soon through [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) site.

The on-line checking system will include the requirement for parents to check every 3 months [with a reminder sent to them 1 month before] and a grace period between failure to re-confirm eligibility, or becoming ineligible, and a need to pay for on-going childcare. LAs will be notified when children are no longer eligible or have failed to confirm current eligibility. A code will be generated which parents will take to providers to confirm current eligibility. This will be re-issued every 3 months.

**Early years funding:** changes to funding for 3- and 4-year-olds

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/early-years-funding-changes-to-funding-for-3-and-4-year-olds> Consultation outcome

See fact sheet EYNFF

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/2016/12/early-years-national-funding-formula/>

Government has given LAs a promise that funding for providers should be at least £4 an hour for each of the '30 hours'

**Solihull Settings:**

Settings who are registered for Early Education Funding within Solihull will be able to accept children with 15 hours and 30 hours eligibility providing they do not have an inadequate Ofsted rating. This includes child minders, pre-schools and day nurseries and school run nurseries.

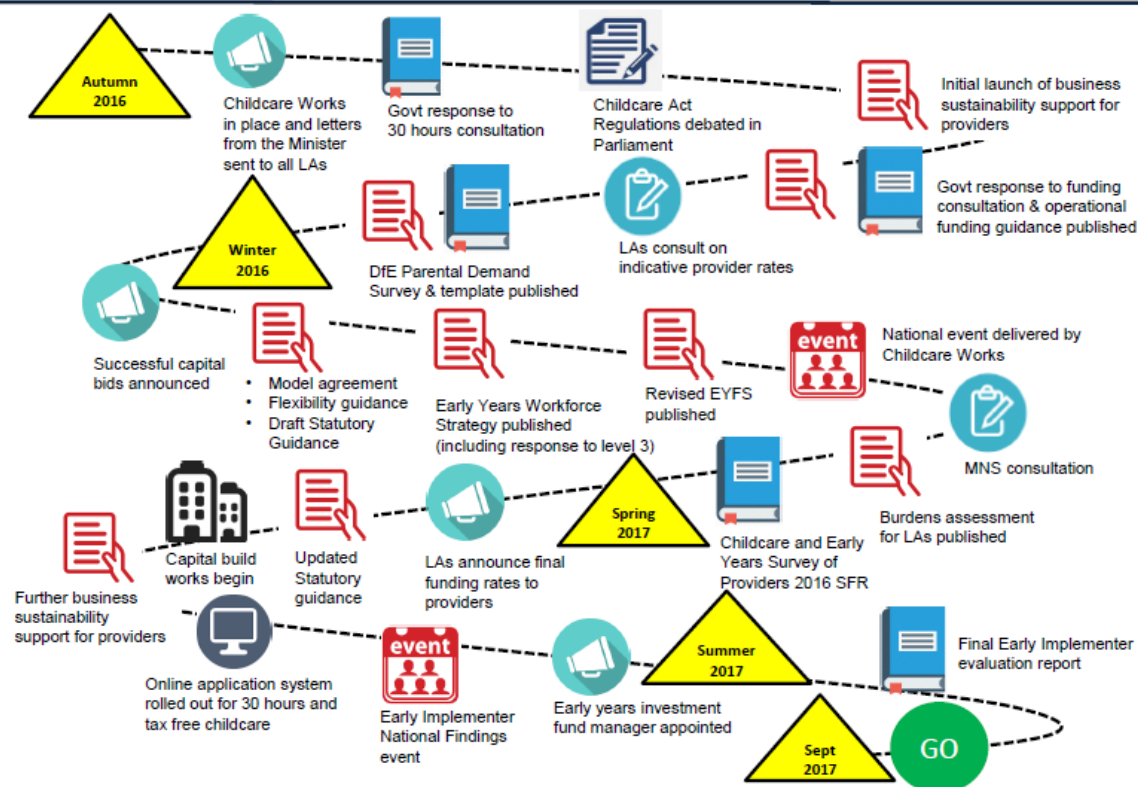
**Sufficiency:**

[http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Portals/0/ChildrenAndYoung/2016\\_Sufficiency\\_Information.pdf](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/Portals/0/ChildrenAndYoung/2016_Sufficiency_Information.pdf)

The local authority will be consulting with providers and updating the sufficiency information for 2017.

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## ROAD MAP FOR 30 HOURS DELIVERY



New resources are available at <http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/30-hours-childcare-resources/>

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/business-sustainability/>

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/business-sustainability/marketing/>

Further information is available at:

<http://www.learning-exchange.org.uk/>

<http://www.familyandchildcaretrust.org/access-dfes-30-hours-mixed-model-partnership-toolkit>

<http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/30-hours-childcare-resources/>

Early Implementer

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/childcare/families/EarlyEducation/30hourchildcarepilot/30hourpilot.aspx>

Early education and childcare places in Solihull

<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/familyinfo>

<http://finder.familyandchildcaretrust.org/kb5/fct/childcarefinder/home.page>

<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-out-of-school-hours>

**Newsletter:** <http://www.foundationyears.org.uk/2015/01/foundation-years-newsletters/>