

Early Years Entitlement Expansion and Wraparound Project Board Meeting

Thursday 22 May 2025

1pm – 2.30pm

Via Teams

Agenda Items



Item	Description	Lead
1	Welcome Apologies and Introductions	Head of Early Years, Childcare and School Readiness Service
2	Setting the Scene	Head of Early Years, Childcare and School Readiness Service
3	Finance Update	Strategic Finance Manager
3	Highlight Report • Decisions • Workstream Updates (Achieved and Planned Activity/Milestones) • Milestones • Finance Update • Benefits Update • Risks • Issues	Project Manager Finance Business Partner Senior Adviser Intervention, Safeguarding and Sustainability Senior Adviser Inclusion & Vulnerable Groups Huntingdon Early Years Area Education Officer
4	Parent Survey	Senior Adviser Quality Improvement
5	Minutes of the last meeting	Project Manager
6	AOB	Head of Early Years, Childcare and School Readiness Service



Setting the Scene

Head of Early Years, Childcare and School
Readiness Service

Role of the Local Authority

Early Years, Childcare & School Readiness Service



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The remit of the service is set out within Government Statutory Guidance and includes:

- To secure sufficient childcare for working parents (or those studying or training), including wraparound childcare.
- To secure early years provision free of charge *
- To provide information, advice and assistance to parents and prospective parents.
- To publish certain sector information at prescribed intervals.
- To provide information, advice, and training to childcare providers.
- To improve the outcomes of all children under 5 and reduce inequalities.

** The guidance applies to:*

- *the 15 hour entitlement for the most disadvantaged 2-year-olds ('disadvantaged 2-year-olds entitlement')*
- *the 15 hour entitlement for parents of 3- and 4-year-olds (the 'universal entitlement')*
- *the working parent entitlements, which include:*
 - *the 30 hour entitlement for eligible working parents of 3 and 4-year-olds*
 - *from April 2024, the 15 hour entitlement for children aged 2 years of eligible working parents*
 - *from September 2024, the 15 hour entitlement for children aged 9 months of eligible working parents*
 - *from September 2025, the 30 hour entitlement for children aged 9 months of eligible working parents*

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National expansion of Early Years Funded Entitlement and Wraparound Childcare



- From April 2024, all working parents of 2-year-olds can access 15 hours per week.
- From September 2024, all working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3 years old can access 15 hours per week.
- From September 2025 all working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3 years old can access 30 hours free childcare per week; and
- 8-6 wraparound childcare for all primary aged children from September 2024.

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