

Early Years Entitlement Expansion and Wraparound Project Board Meeting

Tuesday 2 September 2025

1pm – 2.30pm

Via Teams

Agenda and attendees



Item	Description	Lead
1	Welcome and Apologies	Head of Early Years Childcare and School Readiness
2	<u>Setting the scene</u>	Head of Early Years Childcare and School Readiness
3	<u>Highlight Report</u> - Decisions - Finance Update - Workstream Updates (Achieved and Planned Activity / Milestones) <i>including update on Wraparound Places to date, Early Years sufficiency in Cambridgeshire and Capital Grant progress to date.</i> - Milestones - Benefits Update - Risks - Issues	Project Manager Finance Business Partner Senior Adviser Intervention, Safeguarding and Sustainability Senior Adviser Inclusion & Vulnerable Groups Huntingdon Early Years Areas Education Officer
4	<u>Parent Survey</u> - results	Quality Improvement Co-ordinator
5	<u>Minutes of the last meeting and outstanding actions</u>	Project Manager
6	<u>AOB</u> - Future agenda items and frequency of meetings	Head of Early Years Childcare and School Readiness



Setting the Scene

Annette Brooker



Role of the Local Authority

Early Years, Childcare & School Readiness Service

Early education and childcare - GOV.UK

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.

