







## Early Years Entitlement Expansion and Wraparound Project Board Meeting

Thursday 27 March 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
4	DfE School Based Nurseries Update	Senior Adviser Quality Improvement
5	New Statutory Guidance	Head of Early Years, Childcare and School Readiness Service
6	Early Years Data Source	Senior Adviser Inclusion & Vulnerable Groups Huntingdon Early Years Area Education Officer Senior Adviser Quality Improvement
7	Risk and Issues Update	Project Manager
8	Highlight Report including:	Senior Adviser Intervention, Safeguarding and Sustainability Senior Adviser Inclusion & Vulnerable Groups Huntingdon Early Years Area Education Officer
	<ul> <li>Achievements and Planned Activity</li> <li>Milestones</li> <li>Risks and Issues</li> <li>Early Years Places and Capital Grant Update including focus on fall in birth rate data and areas where we may not have enough early years places and new hot spot areas.</li> <li>Funding Processes including an update on EYES.</li> </ul>	
9	Closure Report: Early Years Support Advice and Guidance	Senior Adviser Quality Improvement
10	Minutes of the last meeting	Project Manager
11	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-yearolds (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.

#### Governance









