

**Update on preparation for the early years extended entitlement
Schools Forum Meeting 3 October 2017**

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Academies	x	Foundation Stage	x
Maintained Schools	x	Primary	x
PVI Nurseries	x	Secondary	
Special Schools	x	Special	x
Local Authority	x	16+	
Schools Forum	x	High Needs	

1. Item for information

2. Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on the implementation of the extended 30 hour childcare entitlement for working parents, which was introduced on 1 September 2017.

3. Recommendations/Actions/Decisions for Schools Forum None

4. Background

The 30 hour extended entitlement [30 hour free childcare entitlement | Oxfordshire County Council](#) was introduced on 1 September 2017 for 3 and 4 year olds of working parents. The Government also introduced a new funding formula aimed at creating a fairer system across providers, resulting in a base rate of £4.01 for this financial year. The Government is due to issue new statutory guidance and national funding agreements to support the changes.

5. Supply and demand

Using the available data and making some assumptions, early estimates were that around 8,300 children would be eligible for the extended entitlement in Oxfordshire. The DfE has later advised that they estimate 5,670 full year PTE children will be eligible, based on mid summer term figures.

Term	Children Eligible for Extended Entitlement
Autumn	5,198
Spring	7,004
Summer	8,300

A number of assumptions have been made in order to arrive at some possible scenarios of likely take up and shortages of places. The table below shows a worst and best case. Childcare Works is a company commissioned by the DfE to support Local Authorities. The estimates produced by them are DfE figures.

Term	3 &4 year old population	Assumption	Estimated Number Eligible	% Eligible	Indicative Sufficiency	
					If all EEF providers were delivering	30 Hours confirmed providers delivering as at 15 September 2017
Autumn	8,254	Local estimate with 90% take up	5,198	63%	+2,703	-101
		Local estimate with 80% take up	4,622	56%	+3,279	+475
		Childcare works "44% eligibility"	3,631	44%	+4,270	+1,466
		44% with 80% take up	2,905	35%	+4,996	+2,192
Spring	11,124	Local estimate with 90% take up	7,004	63%	+900	-1904
		Local estimate with 80% take up	6,229	56%	+1,675	-1129
		Childcare works "44% eligibility"	4,895	44%	+3,009	+1,205
		44% with 80% take up	3,915	35%	+3,989	+1,185
Summer	13,129	Local estimate with 90% take up	8,300	63%	-421	-3225
		Local estimate with 80% take up	7,385	56%	+494	-2310
		Childcare works "44% eligibility"	5,803	44%	+2,076	-728
		44% with 80% take up	4,642	35%	+3,237	+433

6. Providers and delivery

The following is a snapshot of the number of providers running the 30 hours. We will have more accurate figures after headcount day in the autumn term:

Type of provider	No. in EEF scheme	Yes to 30 hours	%	No to 30 hours	%
Day nurseries	125	87	70%	4	3%
Pre-schools	141	88	62%	10	7%
Childminders (549)	213	129	61%	18	8%
Schools	118	56	47%	4	3%
Private nursery schools	28	12	43%	3	11%
Total	625	372	60%	39	6%

7. Eligibility.

A total of 2766 parents had gained eligible codes by the deadline of 31 August 2017. The Family Information Service has reported that so far, no parents have alerted them that they are unable to find a place.

8. Capacity building

8.i. A national capital programme resulted in four projects being successful for Oxfordshire which are detailed below.

School / Setting	Total project cost £	Total grant £	New fte places	Status
Culham Nursery	431,887	329,226	36	Completed
Ducklington Primary School	430,642	288,975	40	Due for completion in mid October
Bright Start Pre-School	294,459	194,459	48	In progress
St Leonards, Banbury	£256,205	75,994	30	In progress

8.ii. Further capacity building will concentrate on areas where the potential gaps are highest. Data shows that there are likely to be sufficient places in autumn 2017. Data so far indicates the market towns will have the biggest gaps by the summer term 2018 with the highest in Bicester and Abingdon.

9. Next steps

A strategy about getting the message out to parents has been completed and this will be delivered over the autumn term.

10. Equal Opportunities Implications and Impact on Equality Groups

None.

11. Conclusions

Schools Forum is asked to note the document.

12. Future Review by Forum in: 12 months

13. Contact Details of Lead Officer/Author

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