

# Welcome to Early Years- Early Education and Childcare Service

- We support the early years sector to make sure they deliver a high quality, flexible, accessible and affordable childcare for children aged 0-4 years old.



# What we do:

- Provide information, advice and assistance to parents and carers on the provision of early education and childcare in Tower Hamlets in partnership with the Families Information service (FIS)
- Secure early years provision free of charge for all three- and four-year-olds through the universal and extended entitlement
- Support families accessing free childcare through the 2-year-old offer
- Provide information, support, advice, challenge and training to early education and childcare providers
- The Children and Families Act place a duty for local authorities to ensure all children who wish to take up the funded entitlements have the opportunity to do so.



# Funded childcare

- Each Funding Entitlement is for up to 15 hours a week or stretched over the year
- Each child is allocated 570 hours starting from the term after they turn 2 or 3 depending on the offer taken up.
- 2-year-old funding, for children whose parents and carers meet the criteria
- Universal 15 hours for all three and four-year-olds
- Extended 15 hours (making 30 hours) (1,140 in total) hours for working parents



# 2-year-old funding- EL2

## Parents journey



### Three points of access

- Directly through a childcare provider, who will support in completing application, checking eligibility and then offering a place having completed the checking and placement process.
- Family can apply directly on-line via the Tower Hamlets website- Early Education and childcare section  
[https://forms.towerhamlets.gov.uk/service/Early\\_learning\\_for\\_two\\_year\\_olds\\_application](https://forms.towerhamlets.gov.uk/service/Early_learning_for_two_year_olds_application)
- Children and Family Centres where the family can get help in completing the form via phone 020 7364 1553 or face to face at the Centre.



# Additional hours (30hours)

To apply for the additional hours parents and carers need to enter their details via the online application process

If eligible they receive a code that can be presented to the childcare provider

Parents must reconfirm this code each term.

The application form can be accessed via [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)



# Financial support with Childcare costs



Parents may also be able to get financial support to reduce the costs of their childcare.

- Tax Free Childcare
- Universal Credit for Childcare
- Support for parents studying
- Employer Voucher Scheme

The website below contains further information on these and you can check which option you be eligible for via there is this for me tab

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)





# Finding Childcare

- The Local Offer: [The Local offer Tower Hamlets Local Offer :: Home \(localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk\)](http://localoffertowerhamlets.co.uk)
- Family Information Service 020 7364 6495
- Early Years Quality and Sufficiency Team [early.years@towerhamlets.gov.uk](mailto:early.years@towerhamlets.gov.uk)

More information can be found on the following websites

- [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)
- <https://www.gov.uk/get-childcare>



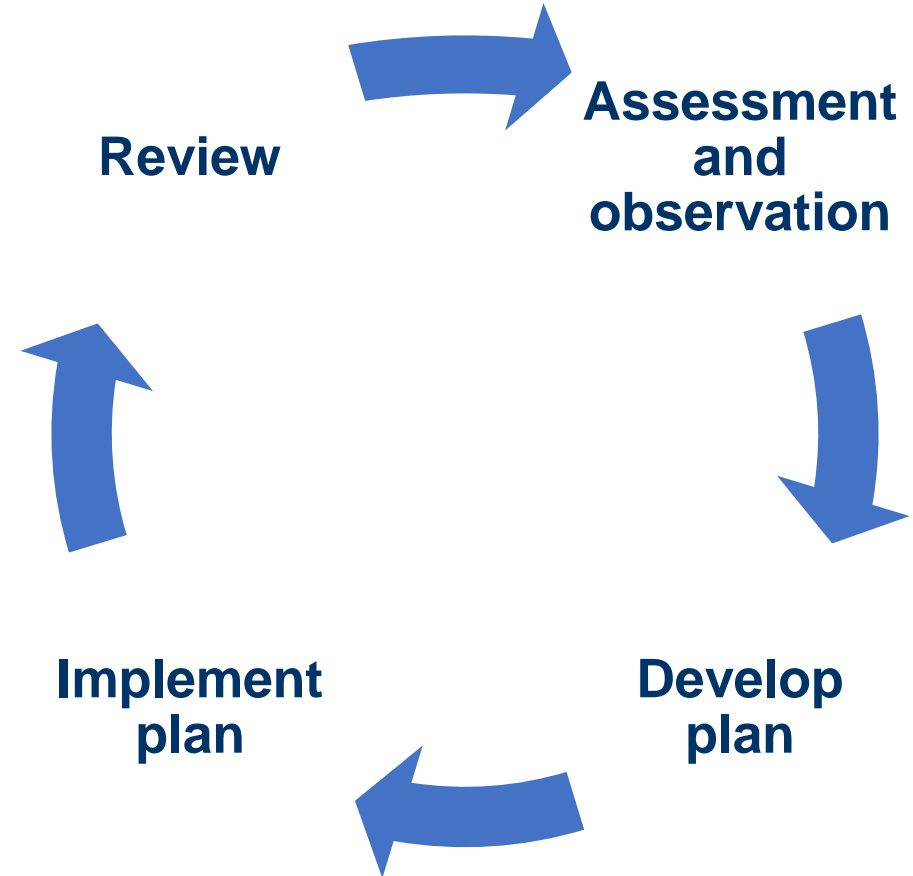
# Inclusion support within childcare

- Childcare providers include the day nurseries, playgroups and independent school
- Each of these childcare settings has an Inclusion Coordinator who is responsible for:
  - working with parents to identify and plan for children's need
  - supporting staff to identify and plan for children's needs
  - linking with services to access support for children including the Early Years Inclusion Team





# Cycle of support



# Early Years Inclusion Team



- Four Area Inclusion Coordinators
- Focus on supporting settings in their partnership work with parents to:
  - identify children's needs
  - plan interventions for children
  - review progress
  - plan transition to school
- Support for childminders



**Any questions?**

