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Autumn Estimate Payments –Important!

An email was sent to all providers on the 8th August from early.years@achievingforchildren.org.uk setting out how Autumn Term Estimate payments will be made and the actions you will have to take.

It is important that you read through the whole email to ensure you are able to receive your early term estimate payment. If you have any questions please email early.years@achievingforchildren.org.uk

Provider Portal - updates

We are currently running tests on the new and updated version of the provider portal. This should be ready to go live soon, we will send out a notification when this happens.

We will be carrying out training sessions for providers to update you on all the changes in the portal. For providers that are new to the portal, we will also be carrying a training session on how to navigate and use the portal.

Details of the training dates and locations will follow soon.

Delivery of 30 hours

It is important to note that as a provider although you may not be able to offer and deliver 30 hour places, you may still find yourself involved in the part of the delivery of the 30 hour offer. For example, a parent eligible for 30 hours may be accessing 15 hours a week at a preschool and a further 15 hours a week with a childminder. In this example both the preschool and the childminder are now part of the delivery of the 30 hour offer, despite perhaps not planning to offer it.

Please read through our [30 hours information and resources](#) to find out more about what the 30 hours involves.

Operational Guidance – part 2

The government has published an [updated operational guidance](#) for local authorities and providers delivering the free childcare entitlements. The updated operational guidance builds on the previous guidance published in April and provides further clarity on eligibility and charging.

A useful quick [guide](#) has been published by the Foundation Years team detailing all the changes made in the updated Operational Guidance.

DfE Frequently Asked Questions

The DfE has published a comprehensive list of [FAQs](#) for providers regarding all the changes brought forward by the 30 hours initiative, such as details on the application process, eligibility and delivery models. This is a useful document to refer to for any 30 hours related queries you may have.

Case Studies

The DfE has released a case study pack for local authorities and providers. This includes detailed examples from local authorities and providers on how they are preparing to deliver the extended entitlement. The pack covers broad themes including delivery models, partnership working and communicating the offer to parents. The case study pack can be accessed via the [childcare works](#) website, and is under the resource titled “case study pack”.

Upcoming Events

Childminder Business Surgeries for 30 Hours

Following positive feedback from previous sessions, we have arranged two upcoming dates for childminder business surgery sessions. These are designed for 1:1, or small groups of up to 3 childminders, for a 45 minute time slot. The sessions are open to any childminder planning to deliver funded places and who has not yet attended a 1:1 support session.

You must book for the session on [CPD online](#). If you want to attend as a small group, one childminder should book the place and add additional names within the notes on the booking form (maximum of 3 childminders per time slot).

Dates and locations are the following:

22 August: Twickenham Training Centre

23 August: King Charles Centre, Surbiton

Once you have booked the session you will be contacted and informed of your 45 minutes timeslot (first slot 2.45pm, last slot 7pm). You will also be emailed a form to complete and send back outlining the support you need.

If you have questions please email anita.board@achievingforchildren.org.uk