Early Years and Childcare Updates

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Current National Offer

Who is it for?

All children the term after their 3rd birthday

Where is it offered?

This is a national offer which can be accessed in multiple settings across the borough including schools

Free Early Learning places (15hrs) for all 3 and 4 year olds

Islington's Childcare Offer

Who is it for?

Eligible children the term after they turn 2 whose parents are receiving benefits such as Income Support.

OR

Families whose annual income does not exceed £15,400 if in receipt of universal credit.

OR

£16,190 before tax if reiving tax credits.

Where is it offered?

This is a national offer which can be accessed in multiple settings across the borough including many schools

Free Early
Learning
places (15hrs)
for eligible 2
year olds

Free 30 hrs for eligible 3 and 4 year olds

Who is it for?

Children where both parents are working and eligible can access an additional 15hrs childcare.

Where is it offered?

This is a national programme and providers need to have signed up to the scheme for children to attend.



Islington's Current Offer

income **Subsidised** Childcare **Priority** Early Learning **Places** Islington's Childcare Offer

Who is it for?

- Children living in Islington aged from 6mths where both parents are working or studying
- Hourly rates are subsidised on a sliding scale depending on joint family

Where is it offered?

 In Islington's 19 Early Years and Children's Centres as well as some grant maintained voluntary sector nurseries

Who is it for?

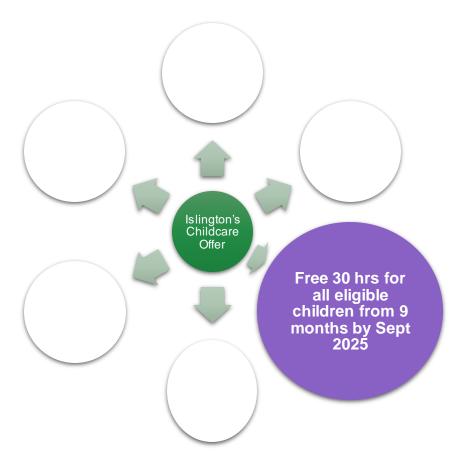
- Islington children who are deemed in need and therefore given priority access to one of Islington's Children's Centres and some maintained nursery settings.
- Families are income assessed as with other subsidised places but both parents need not be working.
- Places are requested by a professional working with the family.
- All requests are assessed and agreed by a multi-agency panel.

Where is it offered?

• In Islington's 19 Early Years and Children's Centres as well as some grant maintained voluntary sector nurseries and childminders.



Childcare Expansion



Who is it for?

Eligible working parents in England will be able to access 30 hours of free childcare per week, for 38 weeks of the year, from when their child is 9 months old to when they start school.

This will be rolled out in stages:

- From April 2024, eligible working parents of 2-year-olds can access 15 hours per week
- From Sept 2024, eligible working parents of children aged 9 months to 3 years old can access 15 hours per week
- From Sept 2025, eligible working parents of children aged 9 months to 3 years old can access 30 hours free childcare per week





