

30 hours Free Childcare Entitlement

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The Childcare Act 2016

- Changes the duty on local authorities
- 3 and 4 year old offer of 15 hours increased to 30 hours for eligible working parents
- From 1 September 2017



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Eligibility

- Both parents are working or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family
- Each parent has a weekly minimum income equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage, £107 per week or £5,574 per year or living wage, £115 per week or £5,990 per year
- Neither parent has an income of more than £100,000 per year



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Will we have enough places?

- Approximately 31,000 places are needed to meet demand
- DfE estimate 8,450 Surrey families will be eligible
- Wards in Mole Valley, Reigate & Banstead, Runnymede, Spelthorne and Tandridge **do not** have sufficient places
- Wards in Elmbridge, Guildford, Mole Valley, Reigate & Banstead, Spelthorne, Surrey Heath, Tandridge and Woking **might not** have sufficient places



Actions

Engage with the early years and childcare sector:

- Maintained nursery classes and schools and academies
- Pre-schools, day nurseries and extended day-care
- Before and after school clubs and holiday play-schemes
- Nursery units of independent schools
- Home-based childcare (childminders)

Engage with all families – eligible and vulnerable



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Risks

- Sufficiency of places
- Meeting children's needs
- Sustainability of business
- Parental choice
- 'Fit for purpose' systems



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Next steps

- 'New' Sufficiency Team
- Full commitment from senior leaders and members
- Funding - sustain provision & develop new provision
- Continue to develop systems



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Information Sources

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