



THE LONDON BOROUGH

## **30-HOURS FREE CHILDCARE FOR 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS INFORMATION FOR PARENTS 15 JULY 2016**

### **What is the 30-hour free childcare entitlement?**

The government is planning to introduce an additional 15 hours of free childcare for working parents of 3 and 4 year olds in England, paid for 38 weeks of each year direct. We call this extended entitlement the +15 hours. All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled now to 15 hours of free early education for 38 weeks in term time each year.

### **When might I access the 30 hours entitlement in Bromley?**

At the time of publication of this leaflet the government says this will be 1 September 2017.

### **Which children are eligible?**

The government says children in families in which all parents in the household are working are eligible. Eligible parents need to earn the equivalent of 16 hours at the national minimum wage or the national living wage and each earn less than £100,000 per year. Details of special circumstances that extend eligibility

(e.g. parents on maternity or paternity leave, those on specific benefits) will come from the Government.

### **How do I apply for the +15 hours?**

The government will say what the application process will be in due course. A different process will be used for the +15 hours to the universal 15 hours free early education. Funding for your childcare will be paid to your provider(s).

### **Where can I access the +15 hours?**

We will work closely with early years providers to support places being available for working parents in Bromley to meet demand from September 2017.

### **How can I find out more?**

You can keep up to date with information:

- By looking out for posters and leaflets at your providers and in community and public settings like libraries
- Visiting [www.bromley.gov.uk/childcare](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/childcare)
- From the Department for Education [www.gov.uk/government/policies/childcare-and-early-education](http://www.gov.uk/government/policies/childcare-and-early-education)

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