National Wraparound Childcare programme

Information sheet on schools and trusts' involvement in the Wraparound Childcare programme and links to universal breakfast clubs

Since September, families up and down the country have seen an increase in the availability of wraparound places before and after school.

Local authorities (LAs) have received funding through the National Wraparound Childcare programme and are working collaboratively with primary schools and private, voluntary and independent (PVI) providers to deliver new and expanded places. Since the programme launched, we have given LAs more than £167 million to fund schools and providers to create more provision.



Our expectation is that all wraparound provision is available between 8am-6pm, enabling parents to work a full day with travel time, unless data shows that local demand is for different hours. We expect all primary schools to have wraparound on the school site – or, at a minimum, signpost families to appropriate provision – so that all families have access to the wraparound they need.

Parents will pay to access wraparound childcare, and support with costs is available to eligible parents through Universal Credit childcare and Tax-Free Childcare. Schools should promote and support these government subsidies.

How can school leaders get involved?

Programme funding for wraparound provision is still available. Local authorities can support schools in setting up or expanding their existing before and after-school provision. Schools should contact their LA to discuss the funding and support available. This funding can help schools build their capacity before the introduction of mandatory universal breakfast clubs for all primary aged pupils.

Schools can consider different delivery models, such as partnering with local PVIs (including childminders) and hub models with other schools. LAs can also help make these connections.

Resources and further information

Wraparound guidance for schools and trusts: Wraparound guidance
Breakfast clubs guidance for schools and trusts: Breakfast clubs early adopter guidance

Further resources on the Childcare Works HUB: Resources - childcareworks.org.uk For further questions, please contact: wraparound.programme@education.gov.uk