



Department
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Early Education and Childcare setting senior managers' invitation

to the

Department for Education Early Years and Childcare Expansion Provider Roadshow for the West Midlands region

When: Thursday 23 January 2025

Venue: The Park Regis, 160 Broad St, Birmingham B15 1DT

Times: starts at 10:30 (registration from 10am) and closes at 3:30pm

The event will include an overview and update from the Department for Education, and will be an opportunity to share your experiences and views in roundtable discussions, and a best practice session.

The new Minister for Early Years, Stephen Morgan, hopes to be able to attend the event, dependent on diary constraints.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided.

Please [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Registration closes at 10am 21 January 2025

This early years event is an opportunity for you to meet with Department for Education officials to share your ideas, challenges and the opportunities expanding your provision to meet the expanded childcare entitlements from September 2025. You will also hear how the Department for Education is working on the government's new vision for early years education and childcare. These roadshows, which started in January 2024, are an important part of shaping early years and childcare policy and delivery.

Further communications will be sent to registered delegates leading up to the event. When registering, please choose from the following roundtables (there will be 3 x roundtable sessions)

Expanding childcare provision in settings/ Readiness for September 2025

Hear from DfE about the work in train and planned to support the sector to deliver the expanded entitlements for eligible working parents from September 2025, including the availability of regional data, and share your specific challenges, lessons learnt and opportunities that you would like DfE to reflect upon and share more widely.

Reflections on the Entitlements rollout

Hear from the DfE team responsible for managing the entitlements systems and the changes made as we roll out the new working -parent 30 hour entitlements. The team would like your reflections on the rollout so far, the level of demand you are seeing for places, any barriers this has raised, and any issues or questions parents may encounter in accessing the scheme or the future rollout of the scheme.

The early education and childcare funding system

Hear from the early years and childcare funding team how the early years funding system works, and tell us you are preparing for this financial year and your reflections and challenges.

Expanding wraparound childcare: opportunities and challenges for providers

Encouraging successful partnerships between schools, trusts, PVI's and childminders is at the heart of the wraparound programme. Meet DfE's wraparound team and find out more about the expansion of wraparound for primary school-aged children and tell the team how the programme is working for you, your barriers and the opportunities this programme has created.

Early education for children with SEND

Setting up every child up to have the best start in life means delivering access to high-quality early education and childcare, including those with special educational needs and disabilities. During this session you will have the opportunity to speak to the DfE's early years SEND team. They will share insights on the latest training and guidance available to support practitioners in caring for children with SEND, as well as recent developments in funding reform. We want to hear your experiences supporting children with SEND in your setting, including what training and development opportunities would benefit you and your staff, your experiences with the early years SEND funding system, and what you feel we can do as a department to ensure that your setting has the support and resources it needs to ensure children with SEND can get the best start in life.

Early Education Outcomes and Stronger Practice Hubs support

Find out more about the free support the department offers to help you deliver excellent education and care in your settings, including training and resources from Early Years Child Development Training, Help for Early Years Providers website and the networks and evidence-informed practice you can access via your local Early Years Stronger Practice Hub. The team want your feedback on the Government's support offer to date to help shape future support for practitioners.

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