

## Parent Fact Sheet

This factsheet should be read in conjunction with the NEG 2 confirmation letter.

### Why should I consider using childcare – I can look after my own child?

Childcare can be good for your child. Research has shown that good quality early years education can

- Improve your child's development, for example communication skills
- Help them learn to socialise with other children and make friends
- Help them begin to get ready for school
- Give them access to exciting new activities

Childcare is also good for families – it can give you more time to

- Spend time with your other children
- Take up a college course
- Go back to work
- Pick up more ideas of what to do with your child at home
- Pick up more ideas of how you can them develop and learn

### Is there a term cut-off date for NEG 2?

No, but parents should consider the timing of enrolling, e.g. if there are only a few weeks left in the term then the funding could begin the following term.

### Where can I get the NEG 2 for my child?

There are a number of NEG 2 approved childcare providers in the borough, including childminders, children centres, nursery schools and private, voluntary and council-run nurseries.

### Do I need to pay the childcare provider if I am claiming only 15 hours?

No, you should not need to pay the setting any additional fees if you are *only* claiming the free entitlement hours.

### What happens if I want or need more than 15 hours childcare?

If you want or need to pay for extra hours, the NEG will be taken off your bill and you will need to pay for the additional hours. You may be able to get extra help to pay for extra hours from other sources of funding.

### What happens if my child is absent from the childcare setting during the term?

#### **Holidays**

If you are planning to take your child for a planned holiday during the term, you will need to discuss this beforehand with your childcare provider. The childcare provider will then discuss this with the council. Please note: this may affect funding for the term when the holiday occurs.

#### **Sickness and other absences**

Where a child is absent due to sickness or circumstances beyond the parent/carer's control for more than two weeks or where there are frequent bouts of sickness resulting in absence equalling two weeks or more, you will need to provide your setting with a doctor's certificate. The certificate will be then be passed on to Brent council for discussion.

Please note: the decision from this discussion may affect future funding.

### What agreement will I sign with the nursery?

Parents should be aware of the agreement that they will sign with the setting as part of enrolling their child. This will outline any notice periods that families need to give if they are considering moving their child. It will also outline any late fees that childcare providers may charge for late collections of children.