

Schools Forum Report

Report Title: Update - Wraparound Childcare

Prepared By:	Emma Kerridge	Contributors:	
Date Prepared:	13/11/24	Date of Meeting:	02/12/24

1) Purpose/Background

The National Wraparound Childcare Programme is part of the wider childcare reforms announced in the 2023 spring budget. The governments ambition is that by September 2026, all parents and carers of primary aged children who need it, will be able to access before and after school term time childcare in their local area from 8am - 6pm. This will enable parents to access employment more easily and improve labour market participation. The government has provided Torbay Council with start-up funding to distribute during the programme delivery period. This will support childcare providers and schools in England to develop or expand wraparound childcare provision on either side of the school day to meet parental demand which does not displace existing provision

2) Summary

Update:

There is a total of £231,050.00 to support the start up and expanded delivery of wraparound childcare across Torbay for FY24/25.

Following the autumn budget announcement the government have confirmed that funding is secured for FY 2025-2026 for those new places which have begun or will begin in FY 2024-2025. This includes all agreed capacity costs and all activity costs that are associated with these places. The Government is now considering the funding for new and extended wraparound places that start in FY 2025-2026, not further details have been given.

The government has also confirmed it will triple its investment in breakfast clubs to over £30 million for FY2025 -2026 to help ensure children are ready to learn at the start of the school day. This funding will enable them to fund early adopters of the new breakfast clubs in up to 750 schools from April 2025. Schools are currently able to register their interest directly with the DfE.

An application process was open for schools and settings to apply for grant funding between 2/10/24 and 24/10/24. The LA received a total of 10 applications which covered 11 schools.

All applications have been agreed, in principle – with the total cost for all applications £71,250 so well within the allocated grant. A further round of applications will start early January 2025.

Of the remaining 20 Primary Schools, who did not submit a bid, 13 already have the full offer of wraparound 8am-6pm. Work will focus on supporting those who do not have a full offer apply in the next application round.

3) Recommendations

Note the contents of the report