

Update on the take up of 30 hours funded childcare for working families, introduced September 2025

Following the Government manifesto changes, the introduction of 30 hours funded childcare allows eligible working families to access 30 hours for children aged from 9 months to primary school age.

The implementation of the 30 hours funded childcare for working families represents a significant opportunity to enhance the support available for parents re-entering the workforce or balancing work commitments.

This update evaluates the take up of the programme starting September 2025 (Autumn Term 2025).

Eligibility criteria:

Both parents must be working (or one parent in a lone-parent family).

Minimum income thresholds apply, (an average of 16 hours per week at the National Minimum or Living Wage), alongside maximum income limits (each parent can earn up to £100,000) to qualify.

Marketing and publicity

In January 2025 prior to the roll out of the funded entitlements we undertook a campaign to raise awareness of the offer, this included the following:

- Updated web pages with offer and details of how to apply through external HMRC website, including pop-ups on community websites
- Up to date information on childcare directory and published on Haringey website, enabling parents to seek for childcare providers
- Distribution of flyers to partners and stake holders
- Banners for parks and providers
- Advertised through digital boards across Haringey
- Customer Services – field our calls. We provide regular updates for their scripts to ensure current and correct information relayed to families
- Support for parents who have difficulty finding childcare through our childcare brokerage advice and support
- Business support and signposting to support providers deliver the funded entitlement
- Hosted online events to prepare providers for the rollout

Type of providers delivering 30 hours funded childcare and participation and take up of places in Autumn Term 2025:

9 to 23 months	Provider type	Number of children
	Private nurseries	702
	School nurseries	16
	Maintained nursery school	31
	Childrens centres	57
	Childminders	155
	Playgroup	4
	Total	965

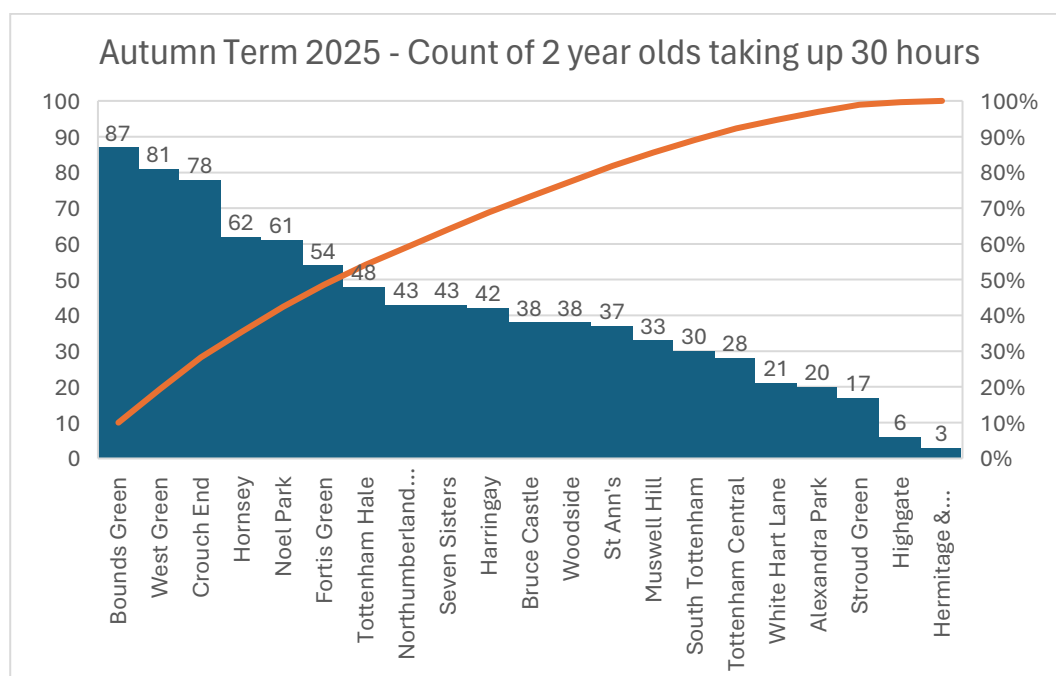
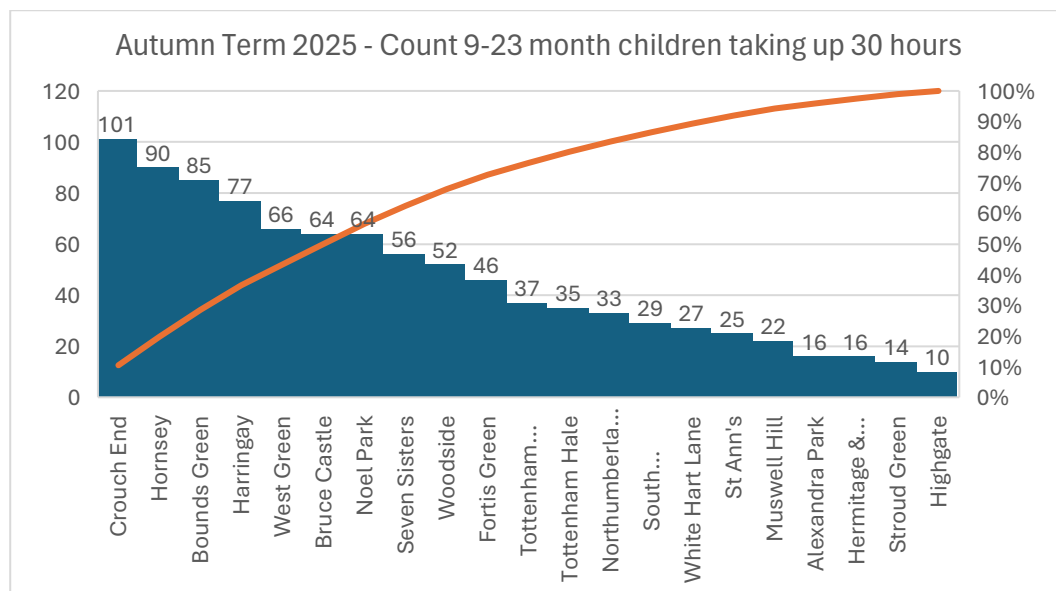
2 to 3 years	Provider type	Number of children
	Private nurseries	600
	School nurseries	61
	Maintained nursery school	53
	Childrens centres	46
	Childminders	78
	Playgroup	32
	Total	870

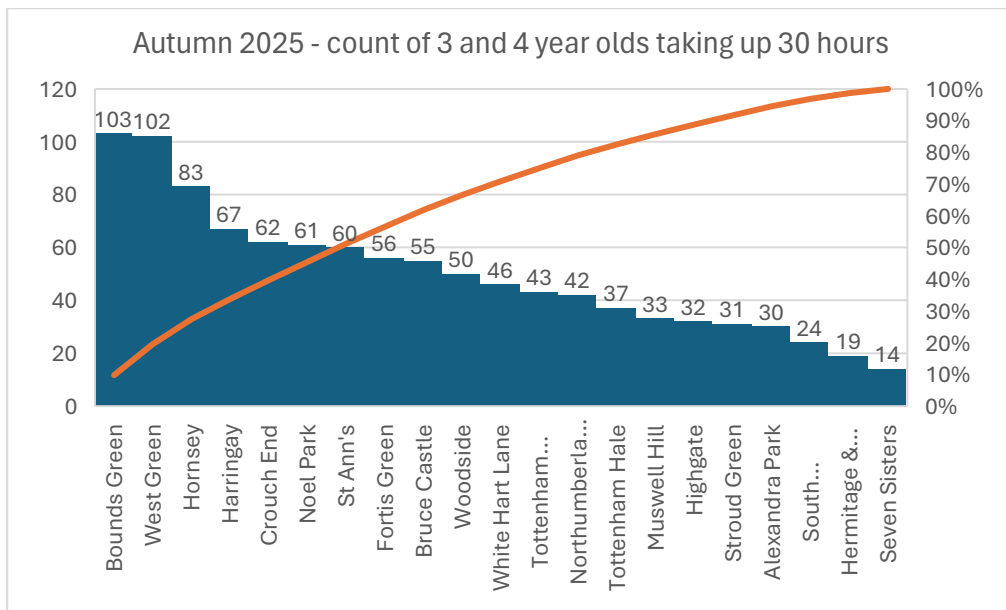
3 and 4 year old funded entitlements for working families have been in existence since September 2017. Below is the take up for Autumn Term 2025:

3 to 4 years	Provider type	Number of children
	Private nurseries	441
	School nurseries	425
	Maintained nursery school	82
	Childrens centres	44
	Childminders	20
	Playgroup	38
	Total	1,050

Availability of places – where take up is highest and lowest for 30 hour funded entitlements across age ranges

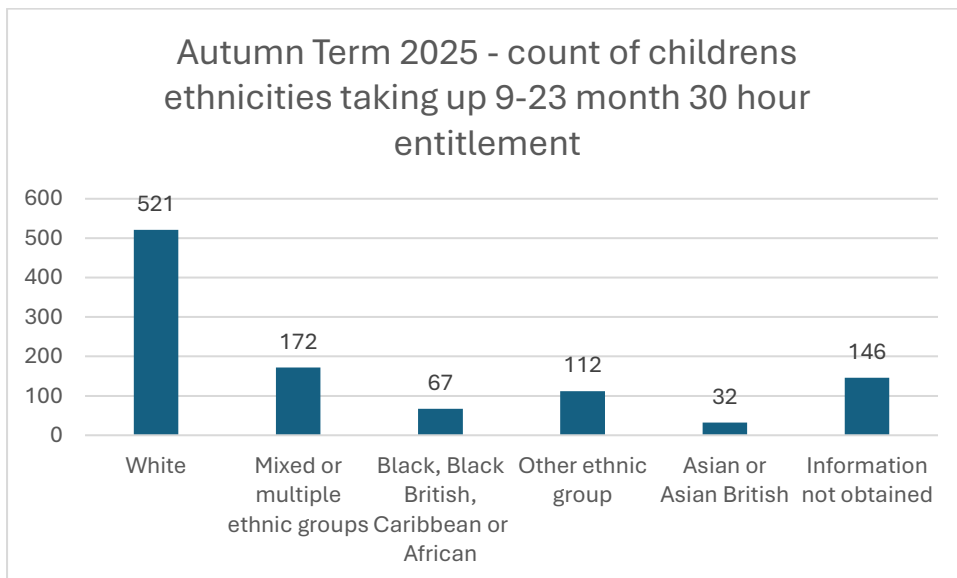
Participation rates for the funded entitlement vary significantly across wards. Providers have embraced the offer and there has been a positive response in delivering childcare. We have seen more childminders offering the funded entitlements, focussing on the younger age range. Some localities have high take up rates due to demographics where there are more working families. The below charts show the count of children taking up the funded entitlements across wards.

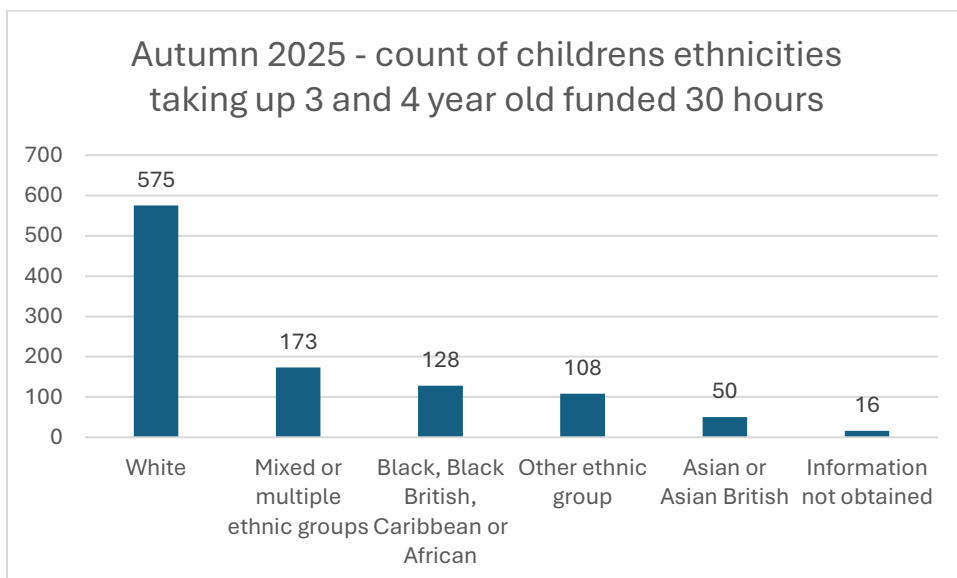
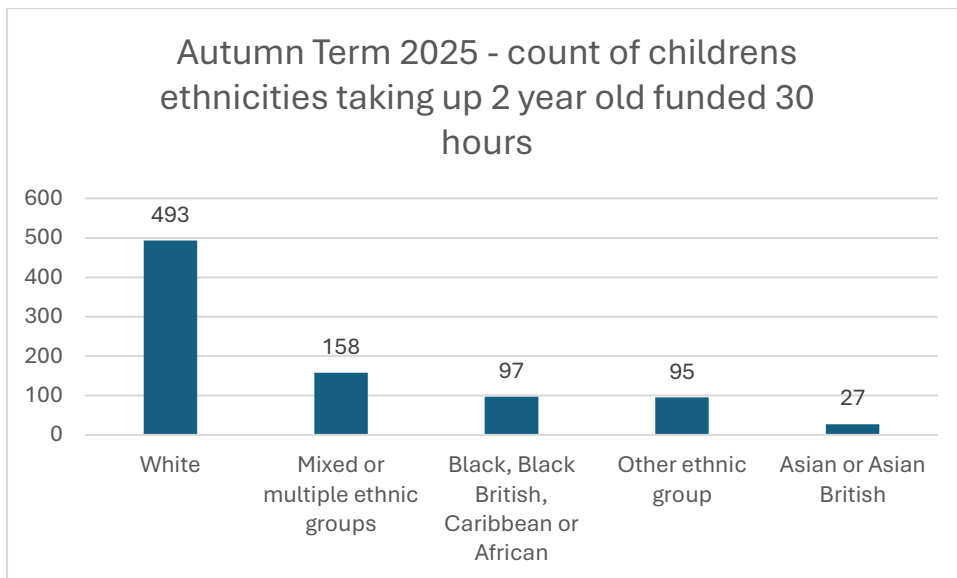




Count of Childrens ethnicities taking up 30 hours across different age groups

Disparities exist in the uptake of 30 hour entitlement amongst various ethnic groups. The team are working towards addressing specific gaps with targeted actions to ensure equitable access to childcare services across Haringey. The below charts show ethnicities of children taking up the funded entitlements across the different age ranges.





To meet our statutory duty, we collect data on places offered and vacancy information from providers on a termly basis. This provides us with a good insight into sufficiency of childcare in Haringey. Being able to follow the trends in sufficiency helps us to locate areas of high demand and investigate the need to create more early years places to ensure parents can access their funded entitlement.

We monitor and evaluate the uptake of the entitlements on a termly basis to track trends and report on progress made.