The Childcare Offer Q&As for providers

What is the childcare offer? The childcare offer will provide working parents with 30 hours of early education and childcare for 3 and 4-year-olds, for up to 48 weeks per year. The offer will build on children's existing early education entitlement (or sometimes known as Foundation Phase Nursery) during term time, and provide 30 hours of childcare for 9 weeks of the school holidays.

What does it mean for me as a provider? Providing you are registered with CIW (formerly CSSIW) or the equivalent in England, you could receive funding from your local authority for eligible 3 and 4-year-olds accessing the offer in your setting.

Do I need to deliver the Foundation Phase to deliver the childcare element of the offer? No. Some children will continue to access early education in maintained settings, or funded non-maintained settings who are not delivering the offer. Childcare providers do not need to deliver both the early education and childcare elements of the offer. For information on the Foundation Phase please click here or search for Foundation Phase Nursery on the Welsh Government webpages.

Do I need to be able to deliver the offer for 48 weeks per year to take part? No. Parents can access the offer through different providers that best suit their circumstance. Providers who only offer term-time provision or provision only in school holidays can still deliver the offer.

Do I need to be open for 30 hours each week to take part? No. Parents are able to use more than one provider to access their hours.

How much will I get paid? All providers will receive a rate of £5.00 per hour for children receiving the childcare element of the offer. Payment rates for the early education element of the offer are decided by local authorities.

How do I sign up to take part in the Childcare Offer and where can I find out more information on the Offer? You should contact your Family Information

Services who will be able to provide you with full details of the Offer and how to sign up as a provider.

What if a child has additional needs that I cannot cater for? You should contact Family Information Services who may be able to provide advice and details of any additional support available.

Can I charge parents a top-up rate? No. You cannot charge hourly top-up rates if you'd normally charge more than £5.00 per hour.

What happens if I usually charge for sessions not hours? If you normally charge parents for a full or half day's childcare the childcare offer will fund the number of hours included in a session. For example if you usually charge full-day rate for children attending from 8-6, the offer will fund you £5.00 for 10 hours and the parent will have used 10 hours of their weekly entitlement. It does not matter if a parent drops off their child late or picks them up early.

Can I charge for food and additional activities? Yes. If necessary, you can charge parents for additional elements such as food, transport and off-site activities which incur a cost. The Welsh Government guidelines in respect of setting additional fees under the offer for a full day care session (approximately 10 hours) are that parents should not be charged more than £9.00 per day (this would include three meals at £2.50 per meal and 2 snacks at a charge of 75p per snack). For a half-day session (approximately 5.5 hours) parents should not be charged more than £5.75 (two meals at £2.50 per meal plus a snack at a charge of 75p per snack). For sessional care where a meal is not provided but children receive a snack, guidelines are that parents should not be charged more than 75p per day for snack provision. Providers should not charge parents who access the offer more for any additional elements than they charge parents who are not accessing the offer and will be considered to be in breach of contract if they do so.

How will I get paid? You should claim funding for the hours a child has registered with you under the offer from your local authority.

What if a child doesn't show up? If a child cannot attend a booked session for reasons such as illness you will still paid for the hours booked. However, if parents repeatedly book hours that the child does not attend you will need to inform your local authority.

Y Cynnig Gofal Plant Cwestiynau ac Atebion i Ddarparwyr

Beth yw'r cynnig gofal plant? Bydd y cynnig gofal plant yn golygu y bydd rhieni sy'n gweithio yn gymwys i dderbyn 30 awr o addysg gynnar a gofal plant ar gyfer eu plant 3 a 4 mlwydd oed, a hynny am hyd at 48 wythnos y flwyddyn. Bydd y cynnig yn datblygu'r hawl bresennol i blant gael addysg gynnar (cyfeirir at hyn fel Darpariaeth Feithrin y Cyfnod Sylfaen weithiau) yn ystod tymhorau ysgol, gan gynnig 30 awr o ofal plant yn ystod 9 wythnos o'r gwyliau ysgol.

Beth mae hyn yn ei olygu i mi, fel darparwr? Cyn belled ag eich bod wedi cofrestru gyda AGC (AGGCC gynt) neu'r corff cyfatebol yn Lloegr, gallech gael cyllid gan eich awdurdod lleol ar gyfer y plant 3 a 4 oed sy'n manteisio ar y cynnig yn eich lleoliad chi.

Oes rhaid imi ddarparu'r Cyfnod Sylfaen er mwyn darparu elfen gofal plant y cynnig? Nac oes. Bydd rhai plant yn parhau i gael addysg gynnar mewn lleoliadau a gynhelir, neu mewn lleoliadau a ariennir nas cynhelir nad ydynt yn darparu'r cynnig. Nid oes angen i ddarparwyr gofal plant ddarparu addysg gynnar ac elfennau gofal plant y cynnig fel ei gilydd. I gael gwybodaeth am y Cyfnod sylfaen, cliciwch yma neu chwiliwch am Ddarpariaeth Feithrin y Cyfnod Sylfaen ar dudalennau gwe Llywodraeth Cymru.

Oes rhaid imi allu darparu'r cynnig am 48 wythnos y flwyddyn i gymryd rhan? Nac oes. Gall rhieni fanteisio ar y cynnig drwy ddarparwyr gwahanol yn dibynnu ar eu hamgylchiadau. Gall darparwyr nad ydynt ond yn cynnig darpariaeth yn ystod y tymor, neu ddim ond yn ystod gwyliau'r ysgol barhau i ddarparu'r cynnig.

Oes angen i mi fod ar agor am 30 awr bob wythnos er mwyn cymryd rhan? Nac oes. Gall rhieni ddefnyddio mwy nag un darparwr ar gyfer eu horiau.

Faint fyddaf i'n cael fy nhalu? Bydd pob darparwr yn cael £5.00 yr awr ar gyfer pob plentyn sy'n derbyn yr elfen gofal plant o'r cynnig. Awdurdodau lleol sy'n penderfynu cyfraddau tâl ar gyfer elfen addysg gynnar y cynnig.

Sut allaf gofrestru i gymryd rhan yn y Cynnig Gofal Plant a sut allaf ddod o hyd i ragor o wybodaeth am y Cynnig? Dylech gysylltu â'ch Gwasanaethau Gwybodaeth i Deuluoedd i gael manylion llawn y Cynnig a sut i gofrestru fel darparwr.

Beth sy'n digwydd os oes gan blentyn anghenion ychwanegol na allaf ddarparu ar eu cyfer? Dylech gysylltu â'r Gwasanaethau Gwybodaeth i Deuluoedd sy'n gallu darparu cyngor a manylion unrhyw gymorth ychwanegol sydd ar gael.

Gaf i godi tâl ychwanegol ar y rhieni? Na chewch. Ni chewch godi tâl ychwanegol fesul awr os byddech yn codi mwy na £5.00 yr awr yn arferol.

Beth sy'n digwydd os dwi'n codi tâl am sesiynau yn hytrach nag oriau fel arfer? Os ydych chi'n codi tâl ar rieni am ofal plant am ddiwrnod llawn neu hanner diwrnod, bydd y cynnig gofal plant yn ariannu nifer yr oriau mewn sesiwn. Er enghraifft, os ydych chi'n codi cyfradd diwrnod llawn fel arfer ar gyfer plant sy'n mynychu rhwng 8-6, bydd y cynnig yn talu £5.00 am 10 awr, a bydd y rhiant wedi defnyddio 10 awr o'i hawl wythnosol. Nid yw'n gwneud gwahaniaeth os yw rhiant yn gollwng ei blentyn yn hwyr neu'n ei gasglu yn gynnar.

Gaf i godi tâl am fwyd a gweithgareddau ychwanegol? Cewch. Os oes angen, cewch godi tâl ar rieni am elfennau ychwanegol fel bwyd, cludiant a gweithgareddau i ffwrdd o'r safle sy'n arwain at gostau ychwanegol. Canllawiau Llywodraeth Cymru mewn perthynas â chodi tâl ychwanegol am sesiwn dydd llawn (tua 10 awr) yw na ddylid codi mwy na £9.00 y dydd ar rieni (byddai hyn yn cynnwys tri phryd bwyd am £2.50 yr un a dau fyrbryd am 75c yr un) . Am sesiwn gofal hanner diwrnod (tua 5.5. awr) ni ddylid codi tâl o fwy na £5.75 ar rieni (dau bryd bwyd am £2.50 yr un, ac un byrbryd am 75c yr un) . Mewn perthynas â gofal sesiynol lle na ddarperir pryd bwyd, dim ond byrbryd, y canllaw ydi na ddylid codi tâl ar rieni o fwy na 75c y dydd. Ni ddylai darparwyr godi tâl ar rieni sy'n manteisio ar y cynnig am unrhyw elfennau ychwanegol na'r hyn y maent yn codi tâl amdano ar rieni nad ydynt yn manteisio ar y cynnig. Bydd unrhyw ddarparwr sy'n gwneud hynny yn ymddwyn yn groes i'r contract.

Sut fyddaf i'n cael fy nhalu? Dylech hawlio cyllid am yr oriau y mae plentyn wedi cofrestru gyda chi o dan y cynnig gan eich awdurdod lleol.

Beth sy'n digwydd os nad yw plentyn yn mynychu? Os nad yw plentyn yn gallu mynychu sesiwn sydd wedi'i harchebu oherwydd rheswm fel salwch, byddwch chi'n dal i gael eich talu am yr oriau a archebwyd. Fodd bynnag, os yw rhieni yn archebu oriau nad yw'r plentyn yn eu mynychu yn gyson, bydd angen i chi hysbysu'ch awdurdod lleol.