

Parent Carer Forum - Agenda

Wednesday 13th November 2024. 11:30am – 1:30pm.

Auditorium, Brighthelm Centre. North Road. Brighton, BN1 1YD

[Teams Meeting Link \(click here\)](#)

Please let us know by email if you plan to attend:

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Agenda item 1	Welcome and Introductions
Lead:	Jacqui Parfitt / Katie Rowe
Time Allocated:	5 minutes

Agenda item 2	Short Breaks Strategy
Lead:	Jacqui Parfitt / Katie Rowe
Time Allocated:	30 minutes
Detail to cover:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Update on the Short Breaks Strategy- Update on planning for 2025 Short Breaks- Opportunity for questions from parents / carers

Agenda item 3	Direct Payments Policy
Lead:	Yvonne Ely / Lorraine Hughes / Rhian Hughes
Time Allocated:	60 minutes
Detail to cover:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction to Direct Payments, eligibility and FAQs- Personal Budgets for Education and Social Care- Opportunity for questions from parents / carers

Agenda item 4	Wraparound Childcare Programme
Lead:	Ying Fu
Time Allocated:	30 minutes
Detail to cover:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction to the Wraparound Childcare Programme (see below, appendix 1)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Opportunity for questions from parents / carers- Updates from the Wraparound Childcare team around what is happening in the city
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If you have any other questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us:
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Appendix 1. Wraparound Childcare Programme

In March 2023, the government announced £289 million in funding to support the expansion of wraparound childcare for primary school-aged pupils. The government's ambition is for all parents of primary school-aged children who need it to be able to access childcare in their local area from 8am to 6pm during term-time. The programme does not cover school holidays.

The purpose of the grant is to support local authorities to increase the supply of wraparound places, to ensure or guarantee provision for all parents who may need it, meeting current demand and building further demand. This will help to ensure that parents have enough childcare to work full time, more hours and with flexible hours.

This programme aims to increase the availability of childcare, rather than subsidise childcare. This is a two-year programme. Parents will need to pay for childcare places, but support with cost will be available to eligible parents through Universal Credit childcare and Tax Free Childcare. The programme funding aims to remove barriers to set up new provision or expanding current provision without needing to have 100% places filled from the start, and the new/expanded provision are expected to be self-sustaining from the end of the programme, with the continues parental demand and payments.

For more information, please visit the links below:

[National Wraparound Childcare Programme Handbook.pdf](#)

[Wraparound childcare: guidance for schools and trusts in England](#)