

Wraparound Childcare Programme: Information for Parents

The government has committed funding to support an increase in wraparound childcare for parents and carers of primary school-aged children. Many schools have begun to expand or create new wraparound places from September 2024.

What is wraparound childcare?

Wraparound childcare is before and after school childcare that wraps around the school day. It typically runs from 8am until 6pm (hours can change depending on local demand) during term time, either on a school site, or another local setting such as a community centre, a nursery, or a childminder.

Who is wraparound childcare for?

This childcare is aimed at working parents, or for parents who are studying or training for employment but is accessible to all parents who need it.

How does this cross over with plans for free breakfast clubs in every primary school?

To break down barriers to opportunity and confront child poverty, the government is making plans to fund free breakfast clubs in every primary school, so children start the day ready to learn. More information on these plans will follow in due course.

How is this different to after school activity/enrichment clubs that the school offers?

Many schools offer afterschool clubs that are run by teaching staff, or providers (or a combination of both) finishing well before 6 pm. Schools' existing enrichment and extracurricular offers can interact with, complement and support delivery of wraparound childcare provision.

Do I have to pay for wraparound childcare?

Yes, you will be required to pay for before and after-school childcare. Costs will vary and are set by the school or the provider. In the Local Authority, our ambition is that schools and providers keep costs affordable for families. Your child's school will be able to provide you with a breakdown of their costs.

Can I get any government support to help pay for wraparound childcare?

Check what support is available to you by using the [childcare eligibility checker](#). You may be able to access [Tax-free Childcare](#) or [Universal Credit Childcare](#) to help with payments.



[Tax-free Childcare](#)



[Universal Credit Childcare](#)

Does my child's school have to provide wraparound childcare?

No but pupils of the school need to be able to access provision from 8am to 6pm. Some schools will be working together with neighbouring schools or external providers to provide wraparound care.

If your school's provision is off-site, you will not be required to pick up and drop off your child at another provision but will be required to collect them from the afterschool venue specified by your child's school.

Where can wraparound childcare take place?

Both breakfast and afterschool clubs can take place at your child's school, at a local neighbouring school, or at another local venue. You may be required to collect your child/ren from another afterschool club venue at the end of the day. This is because some schools will be working with one another and other providers, including childminders, to run wraparound in collaboration. You can

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find more information about your local wraparound offer through your child's school or on the [Kent County Council website](#).

Will food be provided?

Speak to your child's school or local wraparound childcare provider about their food offer.

My child has SEND, are they able to access wraparound childcare?

Wraparound is intended to be an inclusive provision. Speak to your child's school or your local wraparound childcare provider about their offer for children with additional needs and what support may be available.

What about holiday childcare?

Holiday childcare is not being funded as part of the wraparound programme.

Where can I find out more information about wraparound?

Please speak to your child's school in the first instance or contact the [Kent Children and Families Information Service](#):

- call us on [03000 41 23 23](tel:03000412323)
- email kentcfis@theeducationpeople.org.