

Reconfirmation and ending the funding

Reconfirmation

When a 30 hour eligibility code is issued by the local authority a reconfirmation date, validity end date and grace period end date will be set (By HMRC).

1. After the reconfirmation date the Family Information Service (FIS) will contact the child's social worker and ask them to confirm (by email) that:
 - The care is still consistent with the child's care plan and
 - The family still meet the eligibility criteria
2. Before the validity end date FIS will reconfirm eligibility via the ECS checker. The eligibility code will remain the same but a new reconfirmation date, validity end date and grace period end date will be set which will enable the child to continue to access their place.
3. FIS will notify the child's social worker and the foster carer that the code has been reconfirmed.

They will also update the re-confirmation spreadsheet with the new reconfirmation date, validity end date and grace period end date.

The code itself should remain the same so the foster carer need not pass any new information to the childcare provider.

Please note

FIS will try to ensure we reconfirm eligibility before the validity end date to avoid needing to make use of the grace period as this could trigger the setting to be notified that the child is no longer eligible which may cause confusion in cases where the child is taking up a place out of borough.

Ending the funding

In July before the child would usually start reception, FIS will contact the child's social worker to check if the child will be starting reception in September and ask for details of which school they will be attending.

- If the child is not starting reception, then we will continue to reconfirm the eligibility code to cover the time they will be accessing early education until they start school (legally not required until the term after a child turns 5).
- If the child is starting reception we will:
 - Notify the social worker by email that the early education funding eligibility will cease at the end of August, even if the reception place does not begin until the end of a settling in period.

We will stress that if the plans change, they will need to notify us before 15th August or we will not be able to issue the eligibility code before the termly deadline and the family will not be able to access the 30 hours funding at a private setting for the entire following term.

- Notify the carer by email of the above and that they cannot access the funded place at a private childcare setting in the September term even if the school only offers a staggered start (because the school will receive funding for the entire term).

If necessary we will check with the funding contact in the local authority where the child is taking up the place, to ensure they also do not allow children to access the funding during the term in which the school offers a staggered start.

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