

# North Yorkshire Council

## Wraparound Childcare Grants Guidance – Version 1.0 published 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024

### (Mainstream Schools & Providers)

#### Wraparound Care Expansion

Wraparound childcare is childcare that ‘wraps around’ the conventional school day. This provision can be offered by schools and private, voluntary and independent (PVI) providers (including childminders and early years settings) and can be run on a school site or at another setting in the area. It should not require parents to pick their children up from school and drop them off at another location.

The government’s ambition is that by 2026, all parents and carers of primary school-aged children who need it will be able to access term time childcare in their local area from 8am-6pm. North Yorkshire Council has been allocated just over £4 million over two academic years to enable schools and local areas to set up wraparound childcare provision. In addition, the local authority has also received an allocation of capital funding to support this development.

This programme will only focus on primary school-aged children from reception to year 6, Monday to Friday during term time. The funding period will run until April 2026, and the government expects that most schools will be able to deliver wraparound childcare that is self-financing and sustainable by September 2026.

#### 1. What type of delivery might be required?

The majority of primary phase schools in North Yorkshire already have some form of wraparound care offer in place, but schools and PVI providers are invited to work with North Yorkshire Council to look at what needs to be developed to ensure both current and future parental demands are met.

Funding will be available to expand existing provision which might be an increase in the number of places offered or an extension of session timings or days offered. The Programme seeks to fill gaps where they exist based on estimates of demand, and work with schools and PVI providers to ensure that children who are currently on a waiting list have access to the places that they need. It is anticipated that in some areas neighbouring schools or school federations may wish to work collaboratively to secure provision across a range of providers/schools.

Funding could support innovative delivery options and help meet shortfalls between expenditure and income from parental fees in the initial establishing phase of the new/extended provision. Funding will be tapered, with the majority paid in year one. Provision is expected to be financially sustainable through income from parental fees going forward after the grant funding period.

Fees and charges will need to take into account affordability for working parents and offer the ability for parents to access financial support through the government’s [Childcare](#)

[Choices](#). Many schools and childcare providers are already registered to receive this childcare support. Parents will be able to use Universal Credit childcare support for up to 85% subsidy of their costs, and eligible parents can use Tax Free Childcare to subsidise costs, covering 20% of costs up to £2000 a year.

Schools and PVI providers are invited to apply for Wraparound childcare grant funding but must ensure that their intended offer does not duplicate or replace existing provision available in their local area. If childcare providers are applying, they must be endorsed by the school they seek to work with.

## 2. Delivery models

Example delivery models could include the following and there may well be overlap between some of these models:

- **School-led provision delivered by school staff on a school site**  
Provision that operates on school premises, managed by staff employed directly by a school. The provision is open to all children in that school.
- **Private provider-led provision, on or off school site**  
Provision that is operated and delivered by staff employed by a private provider. If based on a school site, the private provider may rent space from the school to be able to operate provision. Provision could also be operated on another site rather than on school premises.
- **Community/cluster model**  
A community-focused model with children from multiple schools attending provision on one site. This could be operated by a lead school, a private provider, a community organisation or any other appropriate body.
- **Childminders**  
Provision delivered by childminders (registered with Ofsted or a childminder agency), which schools and local authorities signpost to. This could consist of a group of childminders working together on a single site or childminders working individually from their homes.
- **Early years providers**  
Provision delivered by early years providers which may take school aged children during wraparound hours. For example, a local nursery or a pre-school operating on or off a school site may run the provision before and after school hours.

## 3. Who is eligible?

The grant is available to all schools and trusts educating primary school aged children within the North Yorkshire Council local authority area.

Childcare providers, including childminders, may apply if a school endorses them to deliver provision.

To ensure minimum safe standards in wraparound childcare provision, all PVI providers and childminders funded through the wraparound programme must be registered with Ofsted, or in the case of childminders, Ofsted, or a childminder agency. Dependent on the nature of the provision and the age range of children, this includes registration on the General Childcare Register (GCR) and the Early Years Register (EYR).

Schools providing wraparound childcare directly, as part of their governance arrangements, do not need to register on either the GCR or EYR, however they must adhere to the same

standards. More information on Ofsted registration, including exemptions, is available here: [Registering school-based provision with Ofsted \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk).

#### 4. Applications

The grant funding application process for mainstream providers will be available from 15 July 2024. A separate funding process will be developed for special schools and specialist providers; the timescales for this process will be announced in due course after further development work has been undertaken on this element of the programme.

It is appreciated that this is currently a very busy period up to the summer holiday break for term time providers and appropriate time needs to be allowed for the consideration, development, and approval of submission of their grant funding applications. It is also recognised that there are some providers who are in a position to have their newly created or expanded provision operational from September 2024. In this regard the local authority will have three grant submission windows; funding applications received through each of the submission windows will be considered with equal priority. The grant submission applications windows are as follows:

Application Received By	
31 July 2024	Providers in a position to have their newly created or expanded provision operational from the beginning of September 2024. Revenue grant funding decision anticipated to be provided by 16 August 2024
30 August 2024	Providers seeking to have their newly created or expanded provision operational during the first half of the Autumn 2024 term. Revenue grant funding decision anticipated to be provided by 18 September 2024
20 September 2024	Providers seeking to have their newly created or expanded provision operational during the second half of the Autumn 2024 term or later in the 2024/25 academic year. Revenue grant funding decision anticipated to be provided by 11 October 2024

All applications for grants need to be submitted using the online form which can be accessed using the link below:

**INSERT LINK**

After the end of each application period above, a grant evaluation panel will consider applications for revenue funding and will aim to let applicants know the outcome by the date provided in the table above. Payments can be expected within two weeks of the receipt of your signed grant agreement.

All applications for capital funding to support the creation and expansion of wraparound childcare provision will be considered at the end of the third grant funding application window.

All grant applications must comply with the DfE criteria outlined in the [Wraparound childcare guidance for schools](#)

In the event that the programme is oversubscribed, North Yorkshire Council reserves the right to amend the published indicative funding rate and/or defer grant applications to a later

funding period in order to ensure grant allocation payments are contained within the overall grant amount received by the local authority.

## **5. What can be funded with this grant?**

Childcare provision funded from this grant must meet the definition of wraparound childcare, i.e., be available directly before and after the school day, from 8am to 6pm (or equivalent, if data shows that local demand is for different hours) during school term time for primary school-age children. It may be run on a school site or at another setting. It should not require parents to pick their children up from school and drop them off at another location.

The grant evaluation panel will ensure that the allocation of the wraparound childcare complies with the grant criteria and is seeking applications for grant funding that fit within the criteria.

Examples of eligible spend include:

- Starting new wraparound childcare at or near schools where there is no current provision.
- Expanding existing provision either by increasing the number of places offered, or an extension of session timings or days.
- Collaborative working between schools to secure provision across a range of providers/schools.
- Working with local childminders, hubs/clusters, community-based provision, or adopt another delivery model.
- Covering costs including staffing, training, and transport costs such as minibus hire (not purchase), as well as resources.
- Contribute to running costs whilst demand builds, to remove any financial risk to providers of offering additional places before demand is guaranteed.
- Pay for training for wraparound staff, including specialist training for staff to ensure they feel equipped to support children with additional needs.

Grant funding cannot be used to:

- Subsidise parental fees and charges.
- Replace existing provision delivered by another childcare provider, unless that provision is due to close.
- Start provision in direct competition with an existing provider, unless there is proven demand.
- Subsidise existing provision where no expansion is required.

## **6. How do I apply?**

Applications should be made via the online application form in section 4.

- There are six sections in the application form:
- Section 1 – Requests initial details about your organisation
- Section 2 – Requests detailed information about the wraparound childcare that you already provide.
- Section 3 – Requests information about the mechanism you will use to deliver your programme and requires details regarding the number of places to be created.

Please use the funding calculator provided to calculate how much funding you are eligible for.

You can apply for more than one type of funding e.g., you may wish to create a new before school wraparound childcare provision and you may also need to expand the hours of your existing after school provision in order to comply with the DfE expectation that the provision is open to 18:00.

Section 4 – Refers to Grant type 4 which can only be applied for alongside grants 1-3.

### **Grant Type 1 Creation of New Wraparound Childcare Provision**

This grant type will support schools, private, voluntary and independent providers (PVI) or a collaboration model. A collaboration could include schools working with local childminders or a PVI provider. This funding will help initiate a new provision of between 10 and 20 places, with the remainder of the costs being covered by parental fees. This funding cannot be used to replace an existing provision but could cover a recent or imminent closure.

Primary Schools with fewer than 50 pupils (Reception to Year 6) on roll are requested to contact the NYC Wraparound Childcare Co-ordinator (email: [wraparoundchildcare@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:wraparoundchildcare@northyorks.gov.uk)) to discuss their proposal for the creation of new wraparound childcare provision prior to completing an application for grant funding under Grant Type 1

Any provider applying to create new wraparound care provision of less than 10 places is requested to contact the NYC Wraparound Childcare Co-ordinator (email: [wraparoundchildcare@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:wraparoundchildcare@northyorks.gov.uk)) to discuss their proposal for the creation of new wraparound childcare provision prior to completing an application for grant funding under Grant Type 1

#### Indicative Funding Allocation Amounts for Grant Type 1 are as follows:-

Creation of full wraparound provision:	£28,600 year 1	£12,469 year 2
Creation of before school provision:	£6,700 year 1	£2,672 year 2
Creation of after school provision:	£21,900 year 1	£9,797 year 2

Childminders wishing to create a new wraparound childcare provision as a sole provider should apply for grant type 3: expand (places).

### **Grant Type 2 Expansion of Existing Wraparound Care Provision Operating Hours And / Or Days**

The current Wraparound service does not yet meet the full 0800 - 1800 over 5 days per week or equivalent DfE requirement. This grant type will support schools, private, voluntary and independent providers or a collaboration model. A collaboration could include schools working with local childminders or a PVI provider. Applicants will be required to evidence their current delivery time and days, and this will be checked against our supply data.

#### Indicative Funding Allocation Amounts for Grant Type 2 are as follows:-

£40.00 per hour or equivalent year 1    £18.75 per hour or equivalent year 2

### **Grant Type 3 Expansion of the Number of Places Offered in Existing Wraparound Care Provision**

A one-off payment to create additional places for settings that are running at capacity and have unmet demand. This grant type will support schools, private, voluntary and independent providers and childminders.

Indicative Funding Allocation Amounts for Grant Type 3 are as follows:-

Before School Provision: £280.00 per place

After School Provision: £1,040.00 per place

### **Grant Type 4 Capital Funding - maximum amount to be applied for £30,000**

The funding can only be applied for by providers who have applied to start a new provision or expand existing provision. Capital funding may enable existing premises to be adapted for a wraparound service to begin or an existing service to expand its places. Only site owners and lessees with landlord's consent (evidence required) to the building alterations proposed including any external works are eligible to make an application for Capital Grant funding. Examples of capital projects may include:

- Works to improve security and access
- Works to improve facilities for children with disabilities
- Providing additional or reconfiguring existing toilets
- Providing or upgrading a kitchen/food prep and storage area
- Purchase of a transport solution for rural areas or clusters e.g., purchase of a minibus to support a community/cluster model for wraparound provision
- Building modifications to enable use of space outside the main school/setting operating hours, e.g., secure external access, outside lighting to enable outdoor space to be used year-round
- Improvements to storage and outdoor shelters
- New physical assets e.g., play equipment (including outdoor play equipment), or tables and chairs (the maximum grant funding for equipment is £2,000).

Please note that any grant awarded in principle will be based on the costs quoted which must be supported by at least two quotes for works or equipment under £1,000 and three quotes for amounts over £1,000 and below £30,000. Please provide copies of your quotations with your grant funding application.

Any project requiring planning permission or professional drawings should provide build estimates at time of submission and include these professional fees. If an award is given in principle, it will be based on gaining the appropriate planning permission and approval of a detailed breakdown of costings before any grant payment is made.

**Projects cannot be funded in retrospect. However, funding applications will be considered for projects already planned and due to be commenced in the period July 2024 to September 2024 (evidence will be required of the project**

**start date). However, it is important to note that no guarantee of funding is provided and any providers undertaking works on this basis should ensure that they have sufficient funding in place to complete the works without reliance on wraparound childcare grant funding.**

Applications for capital grants can be made in any of the three application submission windows but grant panel decisions will not be made until after the third submission window. The overall capital grant funding allocation for wraparound childcare is likely to be just over £200,000. In this respect the grant for funding applications will be evaluated through a competitive process and in order to remain within the overall grant funding amount. Notification of successful applications is anticipated to be made by the end of October 2024.

- Section 5 – Additional information required to support your application.
- Section 6 – Applicant declarations which are necessary to enable us to consider the application.

## **7. How will the grant be evaluated?**

Each grant application will be evaluated by a panel and a decision made based on the extent that:

- The application is approved by the school on which it operates/is in the local catchment area
- Childcare providers and childminders delivering wraparound childcare must be registered with Ofsted, or in the case of childminders, Ofsted, or a childminder agency.
- The grant supports the grant criteria as detailed in section 3 and eligible spend in section 5.
- The funding will be used to create or expand wraparound childcare provision that meets the programme definition of ‘wraparound childcare’
- The panel is confident of delivery within the timescales.
- The application matches our understanding of supply and demand from the school census and Council surveys.
- For capital grants the relevant quotes have been provided
- For capital grants the number of places planned to be created or expanded through the use of the capital grant funding will be considered.
- The funding will support creation or expansion of wraparound childcare provision in the priority areas that have been identified by the Council
- All questions on the application form have been completed.

## **8. How long will it take to find out if I have been successful with my application?**

A grant evaluation panel will consider applications for funding and will aim to let applicants know the outcome within the timescales detailed in section 4 of this guidance.

## **9. What reporting and management information is needed as part of the funding?**

Applicants must provide complete management information as part of the grant agreement on a termly basis and self-monitor to the wraparound childcare quality framework. Failure to provide this information may result in clawback of funding and / or withholding of funding for year 2.



Whilst management information is still to be confirmed, a monitoring return template will be provided for completion which is expected to contain the following:

- Take up of additional funded places and additional places filled.
- Detail on the days & times of provision including start and finish times for each day provision is available.
- Number of children on waiting lists
- Number of places that need to be created to meet demand, both current and anticipated future demand in September 2025 and September 2026.
- Details of charges to parents
- Number of staff delivering the wraparound provision
- Staff recruitment and retention strategies
- Training provided to staff.
- Comments / compliments / complaints received.

Grants awarded will be subject to a grant agreement which sets out the Council's expectations of organisations in accepting grant funding. The Grant Agreement will be sent out for completion once the panel has approved the application.

Prior to the end of the 2024/25 financial year grant period (31 March 2025), grant recipients will be asked to confirm that they have used the funding as set out in the grant application. Any unspent grant funding must be returned to North Yorkshire Council.

The school or provider receiving funding must maintain reliable, accessible and up to date accounting records with an adequate audit trail in the event of North Yorkshire Council, the Secretary of State or an appointed auditor require access to or copies of the accounting records.

If North Yorkshire Council has any grounds for suspecting financial irregularity in the use of any grant paid under this Grant Agreement, an investigation will take place. For these purposes 'financial irregularity' includes fraud or other impropriety, mismanagement, and the use of grant for purposes other than those for which it was provided.

## **10. I have questions or need some advice. Who do I ask?**

Please contact [wraparoundchildcare@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:wraparoundchildcare@northyorks.gov.uk)