

Childcare Act

The [http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/childcare.html" target="_blank](http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2015-16/childcare.html) was also introduced as part of the Queen's Speech in May 2015 and gained royal assent in March 2016. It set out proposals for 30 hours per week of free childcare for three and four year olds with both parents working. It is envisaged that this will come into operation in September 2017.

Work needs to be done to assess the potential impact of this change in Waltham Forest, especially given existing concerns about the number and quality of early years providers available in the borough.

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