

Wraparound Childcare Programme: Supporting Families and Strengthening Schools

What is Wraparound Childcare?

Wraparound childcare provides before and after school childcare from 8am to 6pm during term time for school-aged children from reception to year 6. It is the government's ambition to make wraparound childcare available for every primary school with the aim of ensuring that by 2026-2027, all parents/carers of primary school-aged children will be able to access childcare in their local area.

How can we support your school?

As part of the national wraparound childcare programme, Bolton Local Authority has additional funding to contribute to set-up or expansion costs, and running costs, of new provision, to remove any financial risk while demand is built. The funding is not aimed at covering the costs of delivering wraparound childcare in the long term but should cover costs in the set-up or expansion phase. This recognises that some demand will take time to grow, and it is not always the case that sufficient demand is guaranteed to sustain provision from the start. However, with time and financial support there is a greater chance of provision becoming financially viable and sustainable in the longer-term, resulting in better outcomes for both families and schools.

Wraparound Childcare capital and revenue grant funding

Additional funding is available to support the set-up or expansion costs of wraparound childcare. For example, schools who are setting up new wraparound childcare provision could potentially apply for around £1,000.00 per place, or around £700.00 per place for schools who are expanding their current provision.

How we can help you

Our team can help you to

- Assess demand in your school and neighbourhood wards.
- Develop and implement a sustainable wraparound childcare model.
- Connect with local providers and resources to ensure quality provision.

Why should your school get involved?

1. Support for Families: Meet the needs of working parents, including those from diverse backgrounds, by providing accessible and affordable childcare options.



