Dear Parent/Carer,

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**Wraparound Childcare Programme Impact Evaluation**

I’m writing to let you know that your wraparound childcare provider (i.e. the people who look after your child/children before or after school or both) is part of a new, national programme that is seeking to increase the amount of childcare that is available before and after the school day for primary school aged children.

Through the National Wraparound Childcare programme, we are creating more before and after school childcare places, so that all parents of primary school-aged children who need it can access term-time childcare in their local area from 8am to 6pm. The Government is supporting this by making more than £200m available to local authorities over two years from September 2024 to support the expansion and creation of new childcare places. More information about the programme can be found here: [Wraparound childcare: Everything you need to know about before and after school childcare – The Education Hub](https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/09/before-and-after-school-childcare-what-is-wraparound-childcare/) .

Like many Government programmes, it is important to know if the funding is working and, in this case, has supported the creation of wraparound childcare places and provided good value for money. To do this, we are carrying out an impact evaluation with our contracted research partners, London Economics and IFF Research. The research will investigate whether parents and carers whose children attend wraparound childcare were able to access employment or increase their hours and/or their income. This will be measured using de-identified/pseudonymised information contained in databases that the Department for Education holds, but to do this, we first need to know which children are attending wraparound childcare. Once the Department knows which children are attending wraparound childcare, we will share the pseudonymised information with our research partners. This will be done through the Office for National Statistics Secure Research Service which can only be accessed by authorised researchers. The pseudonymised information will be combined and analysed to see if programme helped people work/study or increase their hours/income because childcare was available.

We would also like to know parents’ and carers’ views about wraparound childcare, such as whether it meets their childcare needs. For this reason, we are asking your wraparound childcare provider to share your contact details with us too. This is so that one of the research contractors, IFF Research, can send you a link to a survey where you will be able to share your views about wraparound childcare. Once the evaluation is complete, all contact details will be deleted in accordance with the strict rules in place relating to data protection and sharing information as outlined in the privacy notice that has. A report on the wraparound childcare programme will also be published in summer/autumn2027.

Because this is an evaluation of a Government policy, the strict data protection legislation allows us to carry out the research of this programme in the way outlined above. However, you do have rights, and these are explained more fully in the attached privacy notice. We will soon be sending your wraparound childcare provider a form to fill in about which children are attending wraparound childcare and asking for your contact details. If you do not want them to provide your child’s or your information, please let them know by 25th March 2025 so that they do not send any of yours or your child’s/children’s information to us.

Your sincerely

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