Dear parent/carer,

The Government Gateway opened on 2nd January 2024, so that applications for the new entitlements for 2-year-olds could be made ready for the April 2024 implementation.

We recently highlighted that parents who are currently in receipt of Tax Free Childcare would not be able to apply for the new entitlements until their reconfirmation window was available. This has been queried with the DfE and HMRC and we are pleased to be able to confirm:

If a parent's reconfirmation window opens, on or after, the 15th February they will receive a letter from HMRC before this date. The letter will provide a valid temporary code and instructions on how to use it to claim their entitlement.

We hope this gives some reassurance to parents who are trying to confirm their childcare arrangements for April.

We know that you may have lots of questions about the various Early Years Entitlements and what new entitlements are available from April and September 2024. We have 3 online information sessions running from next week and hope you can join us. Click here for dates and the links to join each session.

Please feel free to share this information with friends and family and on your social media pages.

Kind regards,

Early Years and Childcare Service