

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Officer Decision Record

Decision Maker:	Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member for Children's Services
Date:	27/01/2025
Title:	Wraparound Childcare Programme Grant Awards
Report From:	Assistant Director Business & Development, Children's Services

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1. The decision:

- 1.1. That the Director of Children's Services approves grants to the value of £88,531.25 from the Wraparound Childcare Programme Fund.
- 1.2. It is recommended that £88,531.25 is allocated from the Wraparound Childcare Fund to partner organisations who submitted grant applications to provide wraparound childcare provision. These applications have been assessed by the grant evaluation panel and meet the funding criteria. This grant allocation will provide 90 funded wraparound places and also increase the opening hours to the 8am – 6pm requirement for two more schools.
- 1.3 The successful applications will provide wraparound childcare either side of the school day (8am – 6pm or equivalent), Monday to Friday during term time for primary school-age children. The provision will be offered by a combination of schools and private, voluntary and independent (PVI) providers, including childminders and early years settings, either on a school site or at another setting in the local area.
- 1.4 The programme will deliver provision that is child centred, easily accessible, inclusive and responds to the needs of families, including children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) as set out in the DfE guidance. This includes, for this round, a setting who will need to work to a higher level of adult to child ratio to support children with SEND. The County Council will support schools to ensure that providers have met minimum standards and quality requirements.
- 1.5 All funding granted to third party organisations (including schools, private voluntary, independent childcare providers) will be supported by an agreement setting out the conditions of the funding and the reporting requirements.

2. Reasons for the decision:

- 2.1. Within the 2023 Spring Budget, the Government announced that local authorities and schools will be given additional funding for “wraparound care” for primary school-age children in their local area from 8am-6pm to enable parents to access employment and improve labour market participation.
- 2.2. The Department for Education (DfE) published grant allocations and requirements in October 2023. Hampshire County Council has been allocated funding of up to £50,878 for financial year 2023-24, £3,996,586 for financial year 2024-25 and a provisional £1,841,348 for financial year 2025-26. The Government expects that most schools will be able to deliver wraparound childcare that is self-sustaining from the end of the programme due to ongoing parental demand, with continuing provision funded through parental payments.
- 2.3. On 20 February 2024, the Director of Children’s Services, in consultation with the Executive Lead Member, was given the authority to approve the allocation of Wraparound Childcare Programme funds to partner organisations for 2024-2026, up to the total value of £5,899,000.
- 2.4. The County Council has taken a grant process approach based on a fixed rate annual cost. For a new provision or expanding the opening hours of an existing provision a fixed rate of £50 per hour in year 1 and £25 per hour in year 2 was applied. For expanding the number of places available, a fixed rate of £500 per place for breakfast and £1000 per place for after school club was used. The third round of funding is open until 21 February 2025. Four applications have been received so far. These, along with two applications that were on hold from previous funding rounds have been assessed by the grant panel. Table 1 shows the applications that meet the criteria and are recommended for approval. The application guidance provides an overview of the criteria that applications needed to meet to be eligible for funding [Wraparound Grant-Application Guidance.docx](#).
- 2.5. The grant for Newlands school was previously approved in round one, however, the school have asked for the funding to be redirected to their preferred provider. This does not form additional grant award funding over and above the previous approval for wraparound provision on the Newlands Primary school site but reflects its award to a different provider to deliver that provision.
- 2.6. The provider for Wallop primary school was previously approved for a £5,000 grant in round one but was unable to accept the grant at that time. The additional £5,000 recommended for approval will now enable the provider to deliver the DfE oversupply model.

Table 1 Applications for approval

School	Ofsted Number	Application from	Grant type	Provision type applied for	Places created	Year 1 Funding	Year 2 Funding	Total Requested
Fordingbridge Junior School	EY416806	Provider	Expand Places	After school club	10	£10,000.00	£0.00	£10,000.00
Long Sutton Primary	116298	School	Expand Places	Both	20	£15,000.00	£0.00	£15,000.00
Cherrywood Community Primary School	132802	School	Expand Time	After school club	20	£2,437.50	£1,218.75	£3,656.25
Newlands Primary School	In process	Provider	Create	Both	24	£43,875	£0.00	£43,875
Nightingale Primary School	2604472	Provider	Expand Places	After school club	6	£6,000.00	£0.00	£6,000.00
Wallop Primary School	2649641	Provider	Expand Places	After school club	10	£10,000.00	£0.00	£10,000.00
Total					90	£87,312.50	£1,218.75	£88,531.25

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Consideration was given to a bidding process where schools or providers would determine the cost of provision, however this was rejected due to the complexity of evaluating such bids. In addition, as many of the bids would be based on units of time added to current provision it was considered appropriate to set a fixed rate which would allow gaps in provision to be clearly identified and would ensure funding would be available to cover the identified gaps in provision across the two years of the programme. A fixed rate which is described as a contribution encourages schools and providers to collect parental fees and therefore is a means of driving future sustainability.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: N/A

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent:

6.1. The grant guidance advises applicants that after the end of each application period a grant evaluation panel will consider applications for funding and will aim to let applicants know the outcome within six weeks of their application. Therefore,

approval is required to enable timely and cost-effective arrangements to be put in place with providers for the new school term.

7. Statement from the decision maker:

Approved by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Ashley', written over a faint dotted line.

**Stuart Ashley
Director for Children's Services**

Date:

23 December 2024