

October 2017

30 hours Nursery funding

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a number of enquiries about the free childcare of 30 hours being offered to eligible families for 3/4 year olds. We are writing to let you know more about this offer - please see the information below:-

What is the offer?

- 15 hours of free early education for **all** 3 and 4 year olds
- An **additional** 15 hours for 3 and 4 year olds with eligible working parents from September 2017
- Parents will need to meet ***eligibility criteria*** to qualify for the 30 hours

Who is eligible?

- Parents (whether two parent or lone parent) who are working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours per week at the National Minimum or Living Wage (this includes income received from tax credits or Universal Credit)

(Parents on zero hours contracts will be eligible, as are those who are registered as self-employed.)

- Both parents are employed but one or both parents is/are temporarily away from the workplace:
- On parental, adoption, maternity or paternity leave
- On statutory sick pay
- One parent is employed and the other:
- Has substantial caring responsibilities based on special benefits received for caring



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- Is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits
- One parent is a foster carer with their own 3 and 4 year old children

How will eligibility be checked?

Parents will be able to apply for the extended entitlement through the HMRC website or telephone. Please check your eligibility here:

www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator

They will be given an eligibility code, which they will need to take to their provider (i.e. the school).

The provider sends this code to the LA who will reconfirm this code when a funding claim is made.

Changes in circumstances

Eligibility codes are valid for 3 months. Parents will be asked to reconfirm their eligibility with HRMC every 3 months, declaring any changes in circumstances.

If a parent(s) falls out of eligibility, they will be given a grace period before their extended entitlement is withdrawn.

Who is not eligible?

If one parent's income exceeds £100k (the house hold will not eligible).

I realise this is a lot of information! If you have any questions, please contact me via the school office and I will do my best to help you,

Kind regards,

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