



### **Who will be eligible for the 30-hour free childcare extended entitlement?**

#### **Are you eligible for the funding?**

The extended entitlement is available to 3- and 4-year-olds of working parents. To qualify, each parent (or the sole parent in a single parent family) will need to earn, on average, at least the equivalent of 16 hours on the national minimum wage per week (currently £115.20 per week for over 25s), and no more than £100,000 per year. Self-employed parents and parents on zero-hours contracts will be eligible if they meet the average earnings criteria.

Families where one parent is not in paid employment (or neither parent works) will usually not be eligible for the additional hours. There are exceptions for parents who are on parental, maternity, paternity, adoption or sick leave. Parents who are studying or in training will not be eligible unless this is combined with paid work which meets the minimum average earnings threshold.

However, parents will be eligible where one parent is in receipt of benefits relating to caring responsibilities or has a disability and the other parent is working. Single parents who are disabled or have substantial caring responsibilities will not be eligible

## How to apply for your place

Parents can apply for both the extended entitlement and the Tax-Free Childcare scheme through a joint online system at the link below, as the eligibility requirements for both schemes are the same. Parents will have to declare that they expect their earnings to fall within the required threshold either over the next quarter or the current tax year. Parents who make inaccurate or dishonest declarations can be fined between £300 and £3000.

You will be given a code which you have to pass on to the school to receive your funded place. You must renew this on line every 3 months to ensure that you are still entitled to the funding.

Find out more

If you think you meet the criteria and would like to apply you can find out more at:

[www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds](https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds)

Or come and have a chat to us.

## What do we offer?

We have a limited number of 30 hour places available for 3-4 year olds. These are offered in term time only and we expect you to bring your child regularly for all 3 terms.

The school day is 8.50am until 3.10pm but we can provide before and after school care for an additional cost. Please talk to us if you are interested in this option.

We do not supply food at dinner time so you will need to send your child to school with a packed lunch. Because lunch time is not part of the 30 hours we ask for a small charge of £2 per day to cover supervision staff at this time.