

30 HOURS funded childcare

A partnership with us and another provider can help solve your childcare needs



ALL 3&4 year olds get 15 hours early education per week for 38 weeks a year.

30 hours funded childcare is an additional 15 hours of childcare for families who meet the eligibility criteria.

We are part of the 30 Hours offer but cannot offer the full 30 hours ourselves so will work in partnership with childminders, preschools, day nurseries, schools and out of school clubs so your child can benefit from this additional time.

Visit the website for details on eligibility, application processes and childcare providers you could use your remaining hours with.

www.bromley.gov.uk/30hours



30 hours funded childcare for 3 and 4 year olds

From September 2017 funded childcare will double from 15 to 30 hours a week (for 38 weeks each year) for working parents of three and four year olds. The additional hours will enable families to work, support parents who wish to work or allow parents to work more hours. Here is what we know so far...

Who is eligible for 30 hours funded childcare?

This is available for families where both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone-parent family), and each parent earns more than £115 per week, and each earn less than £100,000 a year. There are other eligibility criteria so visit our website below for more details.

When will my child become eligible for 30 hours funded childcare?

As with the universal 15 hours the earliest the funding will start is the term after your child turns 3 years old. Terms start 1st April, 1st September or 1st January. You can make the application at any point in the term but the funding will start the following term.

How will we apply for the 30 hours?

You have to create a government gateway account with HMRC

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

This is online and can take 20 minutes to verify your identity. You can also register for Tax-free Childcare. Tax-Free Childcare may affect your tax credits. Check on the childcare calculator: www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator

Where can I use the 30 hours?

Preschools, Day Nurseries, Childminders Maintained Nursery Class, Academy Schools and Out of School Clubs can offer the 30 hours. Some may offer the funded hours in partnership with another provider i.e. Preschool and Childminder. You can use a maximum of 2 providers in one day.

My provider said it will not offer the 30 hours?

They do not have to offer the full 30 hours, but may offer some of the hours or work in partnership to allow working families the flexibility they may need.

Will I get 30 hours if I don't work but my partner does?

No, you will not be eligible, as both parents must work in a joint household.

What if I don't want to use the full 30 hours?

You do not have to use the additional time but you might find you use part of these hours or spread them over the year.

Can providers charge top up fees?

No, as with the universal free early education providers this is free at the point of delivery meaning they cannot charge top up fees but can charge for additional time and services at a published rate.

Can I choose when to use the 30 hours?

No, the provider will determine when they offer the universal 15 hours and the additional 15 hours. It can be used between 6am – 8pm and on weekends. Your provider may offer the hours stretched over the years so your bill is the same each month.

What if my circumstances change?

There will be a grace period and you will be notified of this during your application process and when you reconfirm your details every 3 months. Your child can still access the universal 15 hours free early education after the grace period ends.

Can I use the 30 hours across different Local Authorities?

Yes, you can use the funding anywhere in England but you can not get more than 30 hours each week and a maximum of 1140 over the year. If you claim more than your entitlement you will have to pay this back to the provider.

What happens if I am on maternity, paternity, adoption or sick leave?

Your child will still be entitled.

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