



## Funded Places

All 3 and 4 year old children automatically receive 15 hours free government **universal** funding from the term following their 3rd birthday.

An extra 15 hours is available for children of working parents in England. This extra funding is called 30 hours **extended** funding.

The criteria for 30 hours extended funding is as follows.....

- Each parent must earn a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at the national minimum wage
- Each parent must have an annual income of less than £100,000

Parents are able to check if their child is eligible for 30 hours free childcare by using the following link:

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/how-to-apply-for-30-hours-free-childcare](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/how-to-apply-for-30-hours-free-childcare)

If the child is eligible, a unique 11-digit code will be issued. Once we have verified the code, parents will be able to reserve extra sessions at preschool for the following term.

Parents must apply for the code during the term prior to the term that they wish to use extended funding. For instance, if parents want to use the 30 hours extended funding for preschool sessions in the **summer term** then they must apply during the **spring term**. HMRC sometimes requires additional information from parents to check whether they are eligible so it is important that sufficient time is allowed to receive the code.

Please note it is the responsibility of parents to check if their child is eligible for the 30 hours extended entitlement - **we are unable to apply on your behalf**.

Parents **must** also check each term that their child remains eligible and will receive a reminder by email from the local authority administering the programme. If the child becomes ineligible for the extended 30 hours funding, then parents will be responsible for either cancelling extra sessions or paying for those sessions.