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Childcare
Choices



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30 Hours Free Childcare



All families are entitled to 15 hours per week free of charge at Nursery for 3 and 4 year olds.

If eligible under the new Government scheme, you're entitled to an extra 570 hours of free childcare a year (1140 hours in total). This equates to a full time Nursery place for 38 weeks per year during term time.

You, and any partner, must each expect to earn (on average) at least £120 a week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage). If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible.

You can't get 30 hours free childcare if you, or your partner, expect to earn £100,000 or more.

How to apply

You need to register online at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> to create an account. When your Nursery place is confirmed, you will need to download a voucher code from your childcare choices account and give this to the school. This is to cover the cost of the additional hours in the Nursery and will allow your child to attend full time with no fees to pay.

You need to re-confirm your eligibility each term to ensure the funding is directed to school.

What if I am not eligible?

- Some schools may offer the choice of paid full time places.
- Some schools may offer additional free full time places for families based on circumstances, such as being entitled to Free School Meals.
- Please check with the school for information about any charges