



Dear Parents/Carers,

30 Hours Funding for Nursery Children

We are pleased to offer 30 hours of funded childcare for eligible Nursery children.

Nursery Day Structure

- 8:45am – 11:45am (3 hours)
- Lunch: 11:45am – 12:30pm
Lunchtime is not covered by the funded hours. The cost is £10 per week (£2 per day).
- 12:30pm – 3:30pm (3 hours)

Eligibility for 30 Hours Funding

The following is based on current Government guidance.

You may be eligible depending on:

- Your child's age
- Whether you are working (employed, self-employed, or a company director)
- Your income (and your partner's, if applicable)
- Your immigration status

You **will not** be eligible if:

- Your child does not usually live with you
- You or your partner expect to earn over £100,000 this tax year

Child's Age

Children aged 9 months to 4 years can receive up to 30 hours of free childcare, for 38 weeks per year.

Foster carers: You can apply if you are in paid work outside your fostering role and your income is below £100,000. You must apply through your social worker/local authority, not online.

Working Requirements

You may qualify if you (and your partner, if you have one) are:

- Working or starting a new job
- On sick leave or annual leave
- On parental leave

If you are not currently working, you may still be eligible if your partner works and you receive one of the following:

- Incapacity Benefit
- Severe Disablement Allowance
- Carer's Allowance
- Limited Capability for Work Benefit
- Contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance

Income Requirements

Over the next 3 months, each working adult must expect to earn at least:

- £2,539.68 (age 21+)
- £2,080 (age 18–20)
- £1,570.40 (under 18 or apprentice)

This is based on earning the National Minimum/Living Wage for 16 hours per week.

If you have more than one job, you can combine your earnings. Some types of income (e.g., dividends, interest, pensions, property investment income) do not count towards this minimum.

Immigration Status

You (and your partner, if applicable) must have a National Insurance number and one of the following:

- British or Irish citizenship
- Settled or pre-settled status (or a pending application)
- Permission to access public funds

If eligible, you must apply online to receive a code that you give to the school to secure your funded place.

If You Are Not Eligible

You may still be entitled to:

- 15 hours free childcare for 3–4 year olds
- Funded childcare for 2-year-olds if you receive certain benefits or your child has additional needs

More information is available at www.gov.uk/free-childcare

What to Do Next

If you believe you are eligible and wish to claim the 30 funded hours at our Nursery, please collect and return a Free Childcare Entitlements Parental Declaration Form from the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs K Sugars
Headteacher