

# Heronswood Primary School and Pre-School

## 30 Hours Free Childcare

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017

# 30 hours of free childcare - will my child get it and how to apply?

The doubling of free childcare to 30 hours is being rolled out by the Government across England this year and you can now pre-register.

# So what is the free childcare deal?

- ▶ In a nutshell, many working parents of 3 to 4-year-olds in England will be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare - rather than the current 15 hours.
- ▶ But the first thing you need to know is that this is 30 hours free for only **38 weeks** per year - not 52 weeks of the year. It's basically equivalent to school term times - and totals 1140 free hours across the year.
- ▶ In theory, you may be able to spread the free childcare out over further weeks, but this will mean you'll get fewer than 30 hours free childcare each week.
- ▶ It will be available at the following participating childcare options: Nurseries and nursery classes, Playgroups and pre-school, Child-minders and Sure Start Children's Centres

# Eligibility rules for 30 hours free childcare:

- ▶ Your child will be aged 3 or 4 when the scheme starts in your area
- ▶ Both parents must be working - or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family
- ▶ Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage
- ▶ It depends on your age. For this scheme, the minimum amount will always reflect the lowest hourly rate that a person of your age can legally be paid. Therefore, currently for a parent aged 21-24, you'd need to earn a weekly average of at least £111.20. For a parent aged 25+, you'd need to earn a weekly average of at least £115.20.
- ▶ Each parent must have an annual income of less than £100,000
- ▶ You live in England

# How do you apply for the 30 hours free childcare?

- ▶ You can now pre-register for the 30-hour scheme on the [Gov.UK website](https://www.gov.uk). You'll need to confirm you live in England and will be asked to provide your email address and your child's date of birth. You'll then be emailed with information about when the scheme will be available and how to apply.
- ▶ You can also find out more on a new [Childcare Choices website](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) set up by HMRC. This also gives information about the new [Tax-Free Childcare scheme](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare) and includes a [childcare calculator](https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator) so you can compare your different options.

HM Revenue & Customs [GB] | <https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/childcare-schemes-interest/welcome>

**GOV.UK** New childcare schemes

## Get emails about new childcare schemes in 2017

Elsewhere on GOV.UK  
[Childcare calculator](#)  
[Help Paying for Childcare](#)

Give us your email address and we'll tell you when Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare are available and how you can apply.

You need to tell us:

- where you live, because 30 hours free childcare is only available in England
- your child's date of birth

If your child will be under 4 on 31 August, or is disabled, you can [check if you're eligible and apply](#) for the Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare schemes now.

**Start now >**

HM Revenue and Customs [GB] | <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

HM Government **Childcare Choices**

**CAN I GET HELP WITH MY CHILD CARE COSTS?**

The government is introducing **new** ways to help parents with childcare costs. Whether you have toddlers or teens, you could get support.

# To get 30 hours free childcare, you'll need to do the following:

- ▶ Apply online through the childcare service. You can apply for 30 hours from June ready for a September start.
- ▶ Need to confirm details every 3 months a reminder text or email will be sent. Really important to respond otherwise funding will lapse
- ▶ If you're [eligible](#), you'll receive a code - this will allow you to arrange your childcare place ahead of September 2017 - may start will 500
- ▶ Take your code to your childcare provider along with your National Insurance number and your child's date of birth - school will then complete
- ▶ Your childcare provider will check the code is authentic and allocate your child a free childcare place

# Grace Period

Date Parents receive ineligible decision	Grace Period End Date
1 <sup>st</sup> January - 10 <sup>th</sup> February	31 <sup>st</sup> March
11 <sup>th</sup> February - 31 <sup>st</sup> March	31 <sup>st</sup> August
1 <sup>st</sup> April - 26 <sup>th</sup> May	31 <sup>st</sup> August
27 <sup>th</sup> May - 31 <sup>st</sup> August	31 <sup>st</sup> December
1 <sup>st</sup> September - 21 <sup>st</sup> October	31 <sup>st</sup> December
22 <sup>nd</sup> October - 31 <sup>st</sup> December	31 <sup>st</sup> March

# You probably know everything about the current childcare entitlement but just in case...

- ▶ Currently, 3 and 4-year-old children are eligible for 570 hours of free childcare a year - which is usually broken down to 15 hours each week over 38 weeks of the year . This covers:
- ▶ Nurseries and nursery classes
- ▶ Playgroups and pre-school
- ▶ Childminders
- ▶ Sure Start Children's Centres
- ▶ Depending on income levels, some 2-year-olds in England can get free early education and childcare. In order to get claim, you must be getting one of the following:
- ▶ Income Support
- ▶ Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- ▶ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- ▶ Support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- ▶ Child Tax Credit and/or Working Tax Credit and have an annual income under £16,190
- ▶ The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- ▶ The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- ▶ Universal Credit



# What is Heronswood Pre-School Offering?

- ▶ We are offering 30 free hours during term time - not all settings are
- ▶ The number of 30 hour places may be limited - we will try to meet the demand
- ▶ 30 free hours are available for children the term after their third birthday
- ▶ Places can be paid for before children are eligible for the free funding
- ▶ Pre-School Hours to remain in line with the school day - to help parents dropping off in School and Pre-School

# Heronswood's Offer - 15 hours and 30 hours

- ▶ 6 ½ Hours each day - except Friday - close at 12:35pm
- ▶ Wrap around will be available each Friday afternoon - at a cost
- ▶ Set sessions to be chosen for 15 hours free - indicated on table

All 9 sessions = 30 hours	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Morning Session</b> 08:40 - 11:55 3 ¼ Hours			*2 hr slot 8:40-10:40 for funded hours		*2 hr slot 8:40-10:40 for funded hours
<b>Afternoon Session</b> 11:55 - 3:10 3 ¼ Hours		*2 hr slot 11:55-1:55 for funded hours		*2 hr slot 11:55-1:55 for funded hours	Closed - Wrap Around will be available

1<sup>st</sup> Example of 15 hours funded = 4 sessions (not a Friday) (13 hrs) & 1 reduced session (2 hours) \*4 allocated funded sessions can be chosen from

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Afternoon Session 11:55 - 3:10 3 ¼ Hours	2 - 3 ¼ Hrs funded	4 - 3 ¼ Hrs funded	6 - 3 ¼ Hrs funded	8 - 3 ¼ Hrs funded	Closed - Wrap Around will be available