



April Update 30 Hours Free Childcare for 3 and 4 Year Olds



Online eligibility checking service for parents:

The new Government website is now live and you can register your email address by following www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Register your email address and the date of birth of your child/ren and you will receive an email to let you know when it is your turn to check if you are eligible for 30 Hours Free Childcare. Families with the youngest children will be contacted first as they are often the parents with the highest childcare costs, it will then be rolled out to parents of 2 to 3 year olds and then 3 and 4 year olds. We have received assurances from both the Department for Education and HMRC that all parents will have had chance to check their eligibility before the end of June. You can also use the link to find out more about how to open your tax-free childcare account. In the meantime if you think you are eligible for 30 hours free childcare looking at the below eligibility criteria speak to your chosen childcare provider.



In case you have not heard about the new entitlement for September 2017, you may be eligible if your family meet the following:

- both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family) **AND**
- each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage or national living wage, approximately £115.20 per week / £5,990.40; and less than £100,000 per year **OR**
- one or both parents is either on maternity/paternity or adoption leave; or where one parent has substantial caring responsibilities and is in receipt of carers allowance, or where one parent is employed and one is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits.

Parent Questionnaire:

The 30 hour questionnaire is now closed and we have had a great response. Thank you to all who took the time to complete the survey.

