



30 HOURS FREE

What does it mean?

- From September 2017, working parents will be able to access up to 30 hours early learning during term time.
- Children of working parents will be able to receive 30 hours will be available to children from the term after their third birthday (1140 hours per year). Those who aren't entitled will carry on receiving their current 15 hour provision. (570 hours per year)
- Parents will be able to apply for the additional entitlement through a parent portal on the HMRC website before having their eligibility confirmed and verified through the council. Parents will then need to revisit the parent portal every three months to verify that their eligibility for the 30 hours hasn't changed.

Will I be entitled to it?

Yes if:

- You work the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the National Minimum or Living Wage.
- Your Earnings are approximately £6000 per year or £120 per week up to £99,999.99
- You are a child's sole parent or both parents are working the equivalent of 16 hours per week at least at the national minimum or living wage, which would make individual earnings between approximately £5,000 and £99,999.99 per person
- You as a parent or parents earn less than £100,000 per year in a dual parent household each parent can earn up to this amount. The entitlement also extends to those who are self-employed
- One or both parents are temporarily away from work on maternity, paternity, parental or adoption leave
- One or both parents are temporarily away from work and in receipt of Statutory Sick Pay
- One parent is in receipt of benefits relating to caring responsibilities or their own disability
- One parent is employed and one parent is disabled or is incapacitated and receiving specific benefits

What do I have to do?



- You will need to create a Government Gateway account prior to applying for the 30 hours entitlement (you will need National Insurance number, mobile or landline phone number and EITHER a passport, P60, tax credits form)
- The site you will visit will look like this.....



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30 hours free childcare

Age
3&4

- For working families in **England**
- With **3 and 4-year-old children**
- An extra 15 hours a week of free childcare - so 30 in all
- Parents of children who will be 3 on 31st August can apply now

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1. How it works

Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare are two separate government schemes, to help parents with the cost of childcare. You can apply for both through one online application – the childcare service.

To qualify for either scheme, parents must be working and each earning at least £120 a week (on average) and not more than £100,000 each a year.

Parents can use Tax-Free Childcare alongside the 15 and 30 hours free childcare schemes in England, or any free childcare hours provided by the Scottish, Welsh or Northern Ireland governments.

Parents can't use Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as they receive childcare vouchers, Universal Credit or tax credits. However, 30 hours free childcare can be received alongside these schemes.

When you apply, you'll be considered for both these services through the same application. You'll only be asked to decide which support you want if you're on tax credits or using a childcare voucher or salary sacrifice scheme. You should check what help you could get with childcare costs, using the childcare calculator. This will help you decide which support is best for you.

Find out more about Tax-Free Childcare and 30 hours free childcare for parents
[Read the parent guidance](#)

You will then just need to press next until you get to the next step.

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It will then continue to ask you a few simple questions (youngest child's date of birth, postcode etc) and you will be asked to generate a password. A code will be then given to you which you will then need for the 30 hour entitlement application.

- 30 hour entitlement through the parent portal on www.childcarechoices.gov.uk from Friday 28 April. If you apply using Childcare Choices from April 28, you will be given a temporary code and can use this to check with your Local Authority that you are eligible. Then you will be given a permanent code when you are required to confirm your code.
- To continue accessing the 30 hours, parents will need to verify their eligibility at least every three months via the HMRC parent portal
- Parents can choose to take the 30 hour entitlement within a school nursery class, with a private day nursery or pre-school or with a registered child minder
- Eligible children who are in a school nursery class can receive 30 hours until they take up a full time place in the reception class
- Parents who become unemployed will be permitted a 'grace period' whereby their child will still have access to 30 hours entitlement up to six weeks after they have changed circumstances to allow the parent time to find new employment. If the parent is not successful they will revert back to the standard 15 hours entitlement.

Parents Journey - **GOLDEN TICKET** - You can apply for the 30 hours now. If you apply now you will not need to apply again until December 2017. Parents cannot take up the 30 hours if they apply in the term in which their child will become eligible - You will not be able to access the 30 hours entitlement until the following term.



**Extra time for
threes and fours**

- Create a Government Gateway Account
- Complete application
- Your eligibility will be assessed
- You will be notified
- You will be given an 11 digit code
- You need to bring the code to us
- School will call the Local Authority to validate the code.

What are we offering?

- From September 2017 we will be offering 30 hour places in pre-school.
- You can have a full-time place (30 hours) All day morning, lunch and afternoon sessions.
- Part-time place (15 hours) mornings or afternoon places.
- The 30 hour place will be over 35 weeks per year (this means that if you have a 30 hour place the 1st week after every term (September, January, April - after Spring break) you will have to continue with alternative holiday arrangements. This is because at Brook we are offering 6 hours and 35 minutes per day so more than the 1140 hours are provided in 35 weeks - 1152 hours.

Sessions and Times

The times will remain the same

- Morning Session 8:50 - 11:50 am - 3 hours
- Lunchtime 11:50- 12:25 - 35 minutes
- Afternoon Session - 12:25 - 3:25 - 3 hours

Part time places - 15 hours per week

Full time places - 6 hours 35 minutes per day - Which equates to 32 hours and 55 minutes or 1152 hours per year. This is above the entitlement and this is why the 30 hours entitlement will be over 35 weeks of the year.

If you decide to split your 30 hour entitlement between two care providers we will only offer a 15 hour place.

We cannot offer between 16 and 29 hours at this time. You need to elect 15 or 30 hour place with us.

You can choose not to use a session in your entitlement but we prefer to give places/hours for children who are going to use them.

What's Next?

- If throughout the process you are unsure of anything we will be willing to help.
- If you could please give an indication whether you think your child will have a full time (30 hours place) or a part-time place (15 hours morning or afternoons) to help us facilitate the new changes.

◦ Apply – Give us your 11 digit number, National Insurance number and your child's date of birth to get it validated ready for September!