

30 Hours Funding Questions:

Qu: Am I Eligible?

To check if you are eligible visit Childcare Choices at: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> or <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator> , if you qualify you will then be directed to the childcare service to apply.

For detailed guidance on eligibility visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility>

Qu: What do I need to do?

Eligible parents will need to log into <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare> . Once you have confirmed your eligibility you will receive a code which needs to be brought into the school along with your National Insurance number so the school can verify and claim the funding.

Qu: If I am not eligible will this impact my current 15 hours funding?

No – parents who are not eligible for 30 hours funding do not need to do anything, the school will be able to continue applying for the standard 15 hours as we currently do and applying that to your fees.

Qu: Will this additional funding continue until the term after my child turns 5 as the 15 hours funding does?

No – this additional funding only applies from the beginning of the term after your child turns 3 until they begin their Reception year. Once your child enters Reception the funding will reduce to the 15 hours until the term after they turn 5.

Qu: How will the 30 hours funding impact my fees?

As with the 15 hours funding the amount received from the government will be deducted from your fees. The hourly rate for the funding is updated by the local authority annually and will be applied based on the number of weeks in each school term.