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Speak to us today and find out more about your **30 Hours FREE Childcare Allowance**



You may already know that the government is rolling out a scheme offering '30 hours free childcare' to some families with children aged 3 to 4-years-old. The '30 hours free childcare' scheme is great news for eligible families, who could claim up to double the amount of free childcare they are currently entitled to.

What is the '30 Hours Free Childcare' scheme?

All 3 and 4-year-olds in England are currently entitled to up to 15 hours a week free childcare for 38 weeks of the year (during school term-times). From September 2017 this entitlement could go up to 30 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year for some working families.

This could take your free childcare entitlement from 570 hours a year up to 1,140 hours a year.

Will Little Bears Nursery be offering 30 hours free childcare?

We will! Many nurseries in England have said they will not be offering the extra hours, but our nursery will be taking part in the scheme.

How do I know if I am entitled to 30 hours free childcare?

In order to receive 30 hours free childcare, you'll need to be able to answer 'Yes' to the following questions:

1. Will my child be aged 3 or 4 when the scheme starts?
2. Are both parent/carers working (or am I as a sole parent/carer, working)?
3. Does each parent/carer earn (on average) the equivalent of 16 hours a week at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage?
4. Does each parent/carer have an annual income of less than £100,000?
5. Do I live in England?



How do I apply for 30 hours free childcare?

To apply for 30 hours free childcare you'll need to make an online application at <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>. It takes less than 5 minutes!

1. Once you've completed your application, you'll be told whether or not you're eligible for 30 hours free childcare.
2. If you are eligible you will then receive a code.
3. You will need to bring your code into the nursery and give it to Miss Farrington or Miss Baker in the office, along with your National Insurance number.
4. Then all you have to do is wait for our staff to check the code is correct, and set up your free childcare hours for you. It's as simple as that!

Monday – Friday:

Morning Session	Afternoon Session	Full day funded (30 Hours)	15 hours + 15 hours paid
8.40am – 11.40am	12.20pm – 3.20pm	8.40am – 3.20pm Your child must bring a packed lunch each day. This includes almost 5 hours free lunchtime, provided by the nursery.	8.40am – 3.30pm For those parents not eligible for the free funding there is an option to pay an additional £50.00 per week. Your child must bring a packed lunch each day. This includes almost 5 hours free lunchtime, provided by the nursery.

As this is a brand new scheme, the information that is currently available can be a little confusing. We're always available to answer any questions you might have. Pop into the office for a chat about how you can get help with your childcare costs any time.

