



30 hours Free Nursery Provision from September 2017

This is a new entitlement for working parents of 3 and 4 year old children which will be introduced in some Nursery settings from September 2017. This is an extra 15 hours per week provision in addition to the child's existing 15 hour free early education place.

This whole new entitlement of 30 hours free childcare can be offered term time only (over 38 weeks) or can be stretched across the whole year to meet parental needs, in one setting or split between different Early Years providers., including Child Minders.

Who is eligible for 30 Hours Free Childcare?

- All parents in the household work at least 16 hours a week and earn at least £107 per week up to a maximum salary of £100, 000 per parent in the household.
- Self-employed parents and parents on zero-hours contracts will be eligible if they meet the average earnings criteria.
- 1 parent is employed and 1 parent is disabled or incapacitated, based on receipt of specific benefits 1 parent is employed and 1 parent has substantial caring responsibilities, based on specific benefits received for caring.
- Both parents are employed but 1 or both parents are temporarily away from the workplace on parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave.
- Both parents are employed but 1 or both parents are temporarily away from the workplace on statutory sick pay.

For up to date information on eligibility please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parents

From September 2017, Grove Road Nursery will be offering a limited number of 30 hour funded places in Nursery in addition to the standard 15 hours and our Flexi-Provision. If you are thinking about Nursery admissions and would like to register your interest in this scheme, please contact Sharon Wheeler (Nursery Administrator). We are keen to reach families who already have siblings in school, who may not be planning to come and look around as part of the Nursery admissions process, which closes on 17th March 2017. It's really important that we talk to any parents who wish to take advantage of this new opportunity to gauge interest in order to determine how many places to allocate.