

Dear parents/carers

We will be offering the government 30 hour funding entitlement

Parents of three and four year olds will need to meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for 30 hours free childcare:

Will I qualify for 30 hours free childcare?

- They earn or expect to earn the equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum or Living Wage over the coming three months.
- This equates to £120 a week (or c.£6,000 a year) for each parent over 25 years old or £112.80 a week (or c.£5,800 a year) for each parent between 21 and 24 years old.
- This applies whether you are in paid employment, self-employed or on zero hours contract.
- The parent (and their partner where applicable) should be seeking the free childcare to enable them to work.
- Where one or both parents are on maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave, or if they are on statutory sick leave.
- Where one parent meets the income criteria and the other is unable to work because they are disabled, have caring responsibilities or have been assessed as having limited capability to work.
- Where a parent is in a 'start-up period' (i.e. they are newly self-employed) they do not need to demonstrate that they meet the income criteria for 12 months.
- If a non-EEA national, the parent must have recourse to public funds

Who will not qualify?

A parent will not meet the criteria when:

- Either parent has an income of more than £100,000
- Either parent is a non-EEA national and subject to immigration control (and has no recourse to public funds)

What happens if a parent loses eligibility?

They will receive a 'grace period' – this means they will be able to keep their childcare for a short period.

Once the 'grace period' has lapsed, the parent may be entitled to the universal 15 hour entitlement. The length of this 'grace period' will be confirmed in September.

How this will work in our nursery:

We offer our nursery places on a part time basis, in the form of 3 hour sessions, over 5 days a week.

Morning sessions run from 8:50 - 11:50am

Afternoon sessions run from 12:10 - 3:10pm

If you are eligible for the 30 hour funding your child can attend the nursery on a full time basis from 8:50 – 3:10 every working day.

We offer the 30 hour funding with the following conditions;

- The 30 hour funding can only be used in our school nursery, i.e. we do not allow parents to split their free entitlement with a private or voluntary sector.
- Your child **must** attend at least 24 hours a week. This allows for good staffing and curriculum planning as well as supporting the financial viability of the provision.
- Nursery places at West Oxford Community Primary School are in high demand and there is often a long waiting list. Therefore, if a place is not being used effectively, i.e. the child is attending the nursery consistently less than 24 hours a week a meeting will be held to discuss alternative hours for your child.
- We will allocate all nursery places on a first come first serve basis regardless of whether you are eligible for the 30 hour entitlement.

If you think you may be eligible for the 30 hour funding please follow the link below where you will need to apply online. You will be asked to provide us with your national insurance number and a code. We will collect this information from you in September.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

If you think you are eligible for the funding but do not require your child to attend for the minimum of 24 hours a week, you are still entitled to your free 15 hours a week. Your child will attend a morning or afternoon place. You do not need to apply for this entitlement online.

If you are not eligible for the funding you do not need to do anything. Please wait for further information from us regarding transition days and home visits.

You are welcome to use our day care service even if you are not eligible for the 30 hour entitlement. Day care places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Day care sessions run from 12:10 – 3:10 every working day and cost £6 per hour. You will receive a monthly bill, which can be paid by cheque, bank transfer, cash or child care vouchers.