

We're offering 30 hours funded childcare

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Are you eligible for 30 hours funded childcare?

The government is increasing Pre-School funded childcare from 15 to 30 hours from September 2017. This handy guide explains whether you will be eligible, how you apply and how it differs from the 15 hour grant.

The 15 hour grant

All children in England get 570 free hours per year. It can be taken as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year or 11 hours over 52 weeks of the year.

You can access this from the term after your child's 3rd birthday. Term start dates are in January, September and Easter.

The additional 15 hours free childcare and eligibility

From September 2017, you may be eligible to get up to 30 hours free childcare (totalling 1,140 hours per year).

You will be eligible for the 30 hours if you fall into the below criteria;

- Both parents in your household are employed and work the equivalent of at least 16 hours each at national living wage or national minimum wage, therefore earning at least £120 per week.
- Neither parent in the family household earns over £100,000.
- One parent is employed and one parent has substantial caring responsibilities based on specific benefits received for caring.
- One or both parents are temporarily away from the workplace on parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave. You can also be temporarily away from the workplace on statutory sick pay.
- One parent is employed and the other parent is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits.



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Using the 30 hours funded childcare

If you are eligible, over the year you will have a total of 1,140 hours. You have two options at Mead Open Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School on how to allocate your 30 hour grant.

Option 1: Using the hours in term time only

If you are using your funded hours during term time only, you can split the hours across the week, as follows:

- 3 x 10 hour sessions (with morning sessions 8:00am - 6:00pm)
- 5 x 5.5 hour sessions (with morning sessions 7:30am - 1:00pm or afternoon sessions 1:00pm - 6:30pm)

Please note meals chargeable for all options.

Option 2: Using the hours all year round care

Option 2 is to use your funded hours throughout the whole calendar year. Below are two options of how you can split the hours;

- 4 x 5.5 hour sessions (with morning sessions 7:30am - 1:00pm or afternoon sessions 1:00pm - 6:30pm)
- 2 x 10 hour sessions (8:00am - 6:00pm)
- 4 x 5 hour sessions (with morning sessions 8:00am - 1:00pm or afternoon sessions 1:00pm - 6:00pm)

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Accessing the additional free childcare

To access the 30 hours funded childcare you will need to go through the following process:

- 1) Check your eligibility at www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs
- 2) It is expected the application process will take around 20 minutes to complete and you will need to provide your name, address and national insurance number, as well as your income expectations over the next three months and details of any benefits.
- 3) If you live with a partner, you will need to provide the same information for them. This will enable HMRC to decide whether your child is eligible for the 30 hours.
- 4) If you are eligible, you will then be given an 11-digit code that you will need to show Mead Open Farm Day Nursery & Pre-School, along with your national insurance number and your child's birth certificate.
- 5) Once your code has been confirmed, we will then be able to book your child's place.
- 6) You will need to reconfirm your eligibility every three months by logging into your Childcare Service account.

Deadlines to verify your code are:

- 31 August 2019 (for a September 2019 take up)
- 31 December 2019 (for a January 2020 take up)
- 31st March 2020 (for a April 2020 take up)



Existing Parents:

Please note if you are an existing parent then you need to reconfirm your eligibility for 30 hours every three months. If you reconfirm and you're no longer eligible, you will receive a message telling you that you are no longer eligible. If your child has started a 30 hours place, they may be able to continue their 30 hours childcare for a limited period known as the 'grace period'. You should however still reconfirm so that you can receive 30 hours for the following term.

The earliest existing parents can reconfirm their eligibility for 30 hours is 28 days before the deadline. If you reconfirm on time, your eligibility end date extends by three months.

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