



HELP WITH CHILDCARE INFORMATION

30 Hours (Extended) Free Childcare 3 & 4 Year Olds

To check **eligibility** & apply go to <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> (You will need your National Insurance Number & your Passport Number)

Applications must be completed by 31st August 2017 otherwise funding will not begin until January 2018.

If you are eligible, you will be given a code which you must provide to Nursery. Nursery has an obligation to check eligibility & will ask you to complete a consent form enabling us to do so.

You will then be issued an annual parent declaration form to complete for Nursery, this is, as it says, is now an annual form not termly.

You have to log on to <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> every 3 months to reconfirm eligibility. **This is the parent's responsibility & if this is not reconfirmed, all hours will be chargeable by the setting.**

If your circumstances change at any point, this needs to be reflected on <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> when you log in to reconfirm eligibility.

This funding can be taken at more than one setting & can be taken in term time only or stretched across the year. The funding is allocated to the child & should your child move setting, the funding moves with the child.

If you are not eligible for the 30 hours free childcare, you will still be able to access the 15 hours (Universal) funding for all 3 & 4 year olds.

15 Hours (Universal) Free Childcare 3 & 4 Year Olds

There are no eligibility criteria for these 15 hours & all children are able to receive them the term after their 3rd birthday.

We will issue an annual parent declaration form to all children turning 3 years old. This needs to be completed & returned to Nursery for input onto the Local Authority database.

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Tax Free Childcare All Ages

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This initiative is like a bank account that you pay money into for the purposes of paying for childcare, or every £8 you pay in, the government will add an extra £2, up to £2,000 per child.

Tax Free Childcare can be chosen from now, or, there is still the option to apply for childcare vouchers through your employer. The childcare voucher scheme is open to new applications until April 2018. It will then be replaced by Tax Free Childcare.

Parents already using childcare vouchers are able to continue using childcare vouchers after April 2018 as long as the employer continues to offer them.

15 Hours Free Childcare Aged 2

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All parents claiming free hours at Angels Childcare will be asked to complete a one off agreement.

In all instances above the Child's Birth Certificate or Passport needs to be shown to Nursery.