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.

It will be parent's responsibility to apply for 30 hours free childcare via the online HMRC eligibility checker, which will be available online from April 2017 through the Department for Work and Pensions. Parents will receive a voucher code if they are eligible which they will be told to show their chosen provider.

Admissions

There is no change to the admission process for 2017 – 2018. Parents still need to apply online. Normal admission rules will apply. There is no priority for 30 hours over 15. You will need to specify in the notes if you want 30 hours. If there are not enough eligible applications for 30 hours, then the school will not be able to offer the extra provision.

Schools will make their offers for the 15 hour free early education place through that system to parents as in previous years. Normal admission rules will apply in this years process. The online system enables schools to inform parents of the free early education places you have available and if the school intends to offer 30 hours free childcare.