Ladywood Primary School





Childcare Extended Entitlement 30 hours in Nursery

General Information

This leaflet is intended to provide parents/carers with some background information about:

- the Government's 30 hour extended funded childcare/early education offering
- the option available at Ladywood Primary School
- the process of finding out if you are eligible
- applying for a funded 30 hour place at Ladywood for your child.

Background

To support working families, the government extended the entitlement of 15 hours free childcare for all parents to 30 hours from September 2017 for families that meet certain criteria.

Working families that meet the criteria will be entitled to 30 hours free childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year. This is an increase of 15 additional free childcare hours on top of the current 15 hours of free childcare / early education. It is estimated that 42% nationally of 3 and 4 year olds will be eligible to the new entitlement of 30 hours of free childcare when it is introduced.

The 15 additional free childcare hours are to help working parents manage their childcare costs and support parents into work, to work successfully, or to work more hours should they wish to do so.

Are you eligible?

Working families with 3 and 4-year-old children may be entitled to 30 hours of free childcare or early education for 38 weeks per year (that's a total of 1,140 hours per year, which you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider).

Your eligibility depends on:

- if you are working
- how much you earn
- your child's circumstances
- your nationality

You can get 30 hours free childcare at the same time as claiming Universal Credit, tax credits, childcare vouchers or Tax-Free Childcare.

If you are working

You can usually get 30 hours free childcare if you (and your partner, if you have one) are:

- in work
- on sick leave or annual leave
- on parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave

If you're on parental leave, you cannot apply for the child you're on leave for.

If you are not currently working

You may still be eligible if your partner is working, and you get Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance, Carer's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance.

You can apply if you're starting or re-starting work within the next 31 days.

How much you earn

You'll need to expect to earn a certain amount over the next 3 months. This is at least the <u>National Minimum Wage or Living Wage</u> for 16 hours a week on average.

For example, over the next 3 months you expect to earn at least £1,707.68 - the National Living Wage for people over 25.

If you have a partner, they'll need to expect to earn at least this much too.

If you're self-employed and do not expect to make enough profit in the next 3 months, you can use an average of how much you expect to make over the current tax year.

This earnings limit does not apply if you're self-employed and started your business less than 12 months ago.

If you or your partner have an 'adjusted net income' over £100,000 in the current tax year you will not be eligible. This includes any bonuses you expect to get.

Your adjusted net income is your total <u>taxable income</u> before any personal allowances and minus things like Gift Aid.

Your partner

Your partner's employment and income will affect your eligibility if you are:

- married or in a civil partnership and live together
- · not married or in a civil partnership, but living together as though you are

Their employment and income will not affect your eligibility if they:

- are or will be absent from your household for more than 6 months
- are a prisoner

Your child

You will not be eligible if your child does not usually live with you.

If you foster your child, you cannot use the online application to get 30 hours free childcare. Speak to your social worker and your <u>local authority</u> if you want to apply.

Your nationality

You will not be eligible if you're from <u>outside the EEA</u> and your UK residence card says you cannot access public funds.

Your partner can apply instead if they're from:

- the UK or EEA
- outside the EEA and their UK residence card says they can access public funds

When can your child start?

Your child can start in their childcare place the term after they turn 3 years old and have received a valid 30 hours code, **whichever is later**. For the purposes of eligibility, term start dates are 1st September, 1stJanuary and 1st April.

To keep your 30 hours free childcare place you need to check your details are up to date every 3 months.

What isn't covered?

The 30 hours free childcare offer is not intended to cover the costs of meals, other consumables (such as nappies or sun cream) or additional activities (such as trips). Providers may charge a fee for these additions.

Ladywood Primary School Offer

Sessions/times

With effect from 6^{th} January 2020 Ladywood Primary School will have a limited number of 30 hour places. These places will be available during term time, between the hours of 9am and 3.15pm.

Snacks

Children will be provided with milk, fruit/snack during the day. A suggested voluntary contribution of £3 per term is requested to help school meet any additional cost of providing this.

Lunch

Parents are requested to provide a packed lunch for children (a school meal option is not available). Children will be supervised during lunch times in a designated area of the EYFS Unit.

How to apply

Please speak to a member of the EYFS team in the first instance to check that we have availability. BEFORE your child can start in a 30 hour place at Ladywood Primary you must have applied online and be able to provide school with a valid entitlement code. Codes issued are valid for a period of 3 months (parents/carers must revalidate their application in order to retain a place).

When to apply

You can apply from when your child is 2 years and 36 weeks old.

When your child turns 3 When they can get 30 hours from Recommended time to apply

1 Sept to 31 Dec	1 January	15 Oct to 30 Nov
1 Jan to 31 Mar	1 April	15 Jan to 28 Feb
1 Apr to 31 Aug	1 September	15 June to 31 July

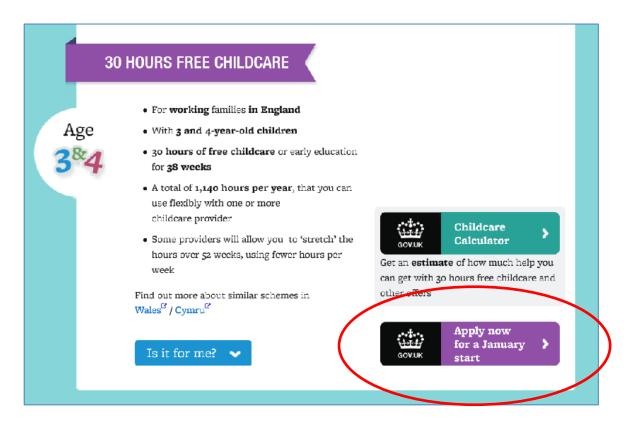
You can apply outside of these recommended dates but you might not receive your code in time.

You must have a valid code by the end of the month before a new term starts.

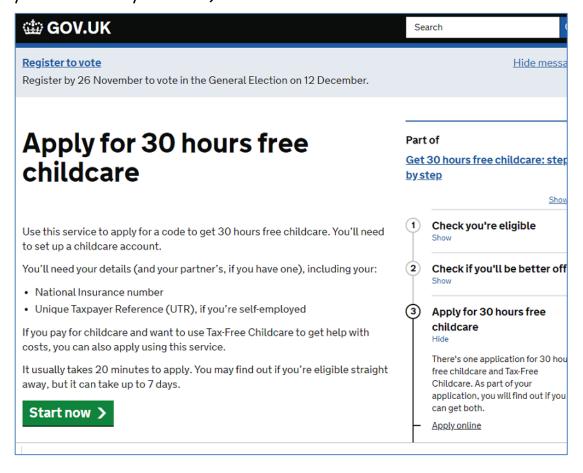
You have to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months. If you apply more than 3 months before the term starts, you'll have to reconfirm your eligibility in your account in order to keep your code valid.

Apply Online

Go to the Childcare Choices website https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/ and click on the 3&4 year olds 30 hours free childcare application link



This will take you to the gov.uk site https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare. To complete your application, you will need to create a childcare account (if you don't already have one).



You will need:

- your National Insurance number
- access to a mobile phone or landline
- details of one or more of the following your UK Passport, tax credits, P60 or a recent payslip

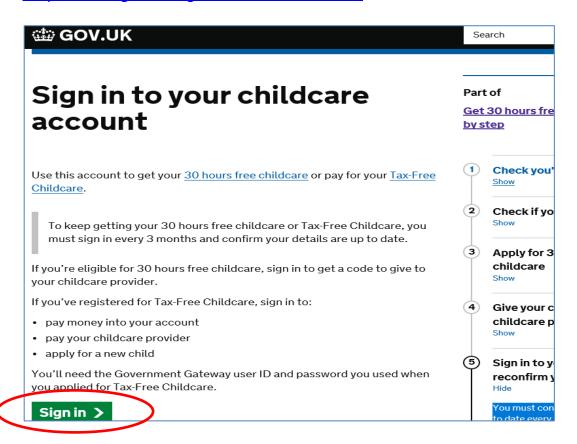
Once you have completed your application and received your eligibility code in your childcare account, use the form at the end of this booklet to provide school with your code along with:

- your National Insurance number
- your child's date of birth

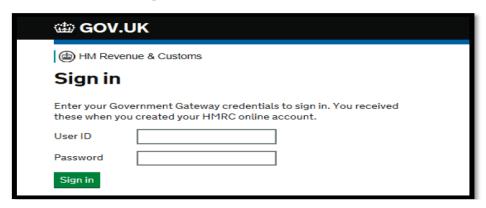
Reconfirming your eligibility

You must confirm your details are up to date every 3 months or your code will expire. To do this sign into your childcare account at:

https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account



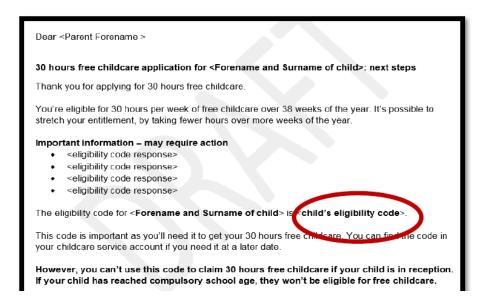
Enter your Government Gateway User ID and Password and then click the green button labelled 'Sign in'



Your childcare account will now be displayed. Click '30 hours free childcare' to see your 11 digit code, which usually starts with '5000...'



Or you can click on 'Secure messages' where you will see a message that looks like this (this would be populated with your information).



Still need help?

If you are struggling with your application, if you have any questions regarding the information in this leaflet or the 30 hour entitlement in general, please speak to a member of staff.

Useful information is also available on the BMBC Families Information Service web page https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/children-families-and-education/children-with-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-send/families-information-service



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Eligibility Code Details

Please complete this form with your eligibility code and child's details and hand it to school before the end of the month prior to your child starting their 30 hour placement, don't forget to revalidate your code every 3 months and update school.

Child's Name	
Child's Date of Birth	
Your NI Number	
30 Hour Fliaibility Code	