



## 30 Hours Funding Explained

- 🌳 From September 2017 the Government will be introducing '30 free hours funding' for **eligible** 3 and 4 year olds.
- 🌳 This funding can be used in all Nurseries, Pre-schools and Childminders who have registered for the scheme – however be aware not all providers have registered!
- 🌳 The 30 hours are based on an academic year
- 🌳 Pre-schools will provide the funding over the 38 week academic year, however, for Day Nurseries it can be spread over a full year, this is equivalent to **22 free hours per week**
- 🌳 The funding will cover a maximum of 10 hours per day
- 🌳 The funded provision must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework

### When you can start claiming

- 🌳 The date you can start claiming depends on your child's birthday:

Child's 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday falls between:	When you can claim:
1 January to 31 March	The beginning of term on or after 1 April
1 April to 31 August	The beginning of term on or after 1 September
1 September to 31 December	The beginning of term on or after 1 January

### You will need to meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for 30 hours funded childcare:

- 🌳 You earn or expect to earn the equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum or Living Wage or more. (This equates to £120 a week [or £6,000 a year] for each parent over 25 years old or £112.80 a week [or £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.
- 🌳 You (and your partner, where applicable) should be seeking the free childcare to enable you to work or if you are on maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave, or you are on statutory sick leave.
- 🌳 You may also be eligible in the event that one parent meets the income criteria but the other is unable to work because they are disabled, have caring responsibilities or have been assessed as having limited capability to work.
- 🌳 If you (or your partner where applicable) is in a 'start-up period' (i.e. you are newly self-employed) you do not need to demonstrate that you meet the income criteria for 12 months.



**You will not be eligible for the 30 hours funded childcare if:**

- 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)

Any child not eligible for the 30 hour funding will still be eligible for the 15 hours entitlement

**How it will work at tree tots: sessions**

- Tree Tots is Open Monday – Friday from 7am – 6:30pm (an 11½ hour day)
- However as funding will cover a maximum of 10 hours per day, our funded sessions will be from:
  - 8 am – 6pm (for 10 hour sessions)
  - 8 am – 1pm (for 5 hour morning sessions)or
  - 1 pm – 6pm (for 5 hour afternoon sessions)

We are happy to accommodate if you need your child to attend outside of the funded sessions times (i.e. needs to start between 7am - 8am or finish after 6pm)

**How it will work at tree tots: 10 hours per day**

Tree Tots is open all year around (apart from the week between Christmas and New Year when we close). Therefore we will spread the funding over 51 weeks.

This is equal to 22 hours per week

Funding will cover a maximum of 10 hours per day, this equates to two funded 10 hour sessions per week with two hours left over.

The left over two hours can either be:

- a) forfeited (for those only wishing to do two days per week at nursery)
- b) saved up and used every 5th week for those wishing to do more than 2 days at Nursery (this is because you will accrue 2 funded hours per week for 5 weeks = 10 hours, this can be used to fund your third day of every 5th week). As represented below:

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	Funded Days	Non-funded Days	Hours accrued	Hours spent	Funded Hours remaining
Week 1	Day 1 / Day 2	Day 3 / 4* / 5* standard day charges applied	2	0	2
Week 2	Day 1 / Day 2	Day 3 / 4* / 5* standard day charges applied	4	0	4
Week 3	Day 1 / Day 2	Day 3 / 4* / 5* standard day charges applied	6	0	6
Week 4	Day 1 / Day 2	Day 3 / 4* / 5* standard day charges applied	8	0	8
Week 5	Day 1 / Day 2 / Day 3	If applicable, Day 4 / 5 standard day charges applied	10	10	0
Week 6	Day 1 / Day 2	Day 3 / 4* / 5* standard day charges applied	2	0	2

### How it will work at tree tots: 5 hours per day

- For those wishing to do 5 hour sessions per week, your child will be entitled to four 5 hour sessions per week (20 hours in total) with 2 hours remaining.
- The left over two hours can either be:

a) forfeited (for those only wishing to do four 5 hour sessions per week at nursery)

b) Anyone who requires 5 half day sessions per week can save up the 2 hours, until there are 10 hours in the pot (this would take 5 weeks). These 10 hours can then be used to fund the 5<sup>th</sup> day of the week (Friday) for every 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> week. As represented below:

	Funded Days	Non-funded Days	Hours accrued	Hours spent	Funded Hours remaining
Week 1	Monday – Thursday	Friday standard ½ day charges applied	2	0	2
Week 2	Monday – Thursday	Friday standard ½ day charges applied	4	0	4
Week 3	Monday – Thursday	Friday standard ½ day charges applied	6	0	6
Week 4	Monday – Friday	None	8	5	3
Week 5	Monday - Friday	None	5	5	0
Week 6	Monday – Thursday	Friday standard ½ day charges applied	2	0	2

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### Additional costs

We ask that parents pay a small fee (for each funded session) to cover the cost of meal times, drinks and snacks:

Session attended	Charge for Food	Meals included*
10 hour day	£11	Breakfast, lunch, afternoon snack, tea
5 hour morning session	£8	For breakfast and lunch
5 hour afternoon session	£6	For afternoon snack and tea

As Tree Tots is operational from 7am – 6.30pm we charge a small fee if you need your child to attend outside of the funded sessions times (i.e. needs to start anytime between 7am - 8am or finish after 6pm):

Extra hours, if required	Cost
7am – 8am	£6
6pm – 6:30pm	£3

### 15 Hour Funding

- 🌳 The previous government scheme of 15 hours funding is still available to all three and four year olds who are not eligible for the 30 hours entitlement, this funding is not subject to any financial criteria. Some 2 years old may also be entitled to this funding.
- 🌳 As with the 30 hour funding, at Tree Tots we spread the 15 hours over a 51 week year, this is equivalent to 11 hours per week (roughly one funded day).
- 🌳 Meals charges apply as above.

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