

30 hours free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds

Eligible working families may be entitled to 30 hours free childcare for their 3 and 4 year old (1,140 hours per year).

Your child can start attending 30 hours the term after their third birthday and once they have received a valid 30 hours code, whichever is later. Term start dates are 1st September, 1st January and 1st April. **This code must be re-validated every three months by the parent.**



Parents of three and four year olds will need to meet the following criteria in order to be eligible for 30 hours free childcare:

- They earn or expect to earn the equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum or Living Wage over the coming three months.
- This equates to £120 a week (or c.£6,000 a year) for each parent over 25 years old or £112.80 a week (or c.£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.
- The parent (and their partner where applicable) should be seeking the free childcare to enable them to work.
- Where one or both parents are on maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave, or if they are on statutory sick leave.
- Where one parent meets the income criteria and the other is unable to work because they are disabled, have caring responsibilities or have been assessed as having limited capability to work.
- Where a parent is in a 'start-up period' (i.e. they are newly self-employed) they do not need to demonstrate that they meet the income criteria for 12 months.
- If a non-EEA national, the parent must have recourse to public funds.

A parent will not meet the criteria when:

- 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)

What happens if a parent loses eligibility?

- They will receive a 'grace period' – this means they will be able to keep their childcare for a short period.
- Once the 'grace period' has lapsed, the parent may be entitled to the universal 15 hour entitlement.



Kingswood Nursery School – 30 hour offer



**We are open 8.30-3.30pm = 35 hours a week, term time only,
38 weeks per year.**

Kingswood can offer your child 30 hours free early education in the following ways:

- Your child will have their core entitlement of 15 hours with their Key Person. This will either be 5 mornings (8.30-11.30) or 5 afternoons (12.30-3.30).
- Your child will have lunch club between 11.30-12.30 (they need to bring a packed lunch)
- Your child will have their **extended hours** (either 4 mornings or 4 afternoons) Monday to Thursday in their wraparound group. The staff that support the children during the wraparound time plan for stimulating complimentary activities to their Key Person time. For the majority of the session the children are all playing together and share the resources.
- The hours described above = 31 hours per week.
- If you would like to send your child for an additional session on a Friday this will be at a cost of £20 for the 4 hours.
- Kingswood also works in partnership with other providers on the 30 hour scheme e.g. childminders and we are happy to share the 30 hours entitlement with them.
- You do not have to take all of the additional 15 hours, but if you want to do less sessions these must be in 4 hour blocks (see grids below).
- To apply for a 30 hour child place visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> When you have received your code email this to admin@kingswood.herts.sch.uk
- **Please note it is parent's responsibility to re-check their eligibility every 3 months and to confirm eligibility with the school office.**

Examples of 30 hours at Kingswood:

CHILD A:

Monday Key Person time 8.30-11.30	Tuesday Key Person time 8.30-11.30	Wednesday Key Person time 8.30-11.30	Thursday Key Person time 8.30-11.30	Friday Key Person time 8.30-11.30
Lunch club 11.30-12.30 (bring a packed lunch)				Option to purchase 4 additional hours @ £20
Wraparound Time 12.30 – 3.30	Wraparound Time 12.30 – 3.30	Wraparound Time 12.30 – 3.30	Wraparound Time 12.30 – 3.30	

CHILD B:

Monday Wraparound Time 8.30 – 3.30	Tuesday Wraparound Time 8.30 – 3.30	Wednesday Wraparound Time 8.30 – 3.30	Thursday Wraparound Time 8.30 – 3.30	Option to purchase 4 additional hours @ £20
Lunch club 11.30-12.30 (bring a packed lunch)				
Monday Key Person time 12.30-3.30	Tuesday Key Person time 12.30-3.30	Weds Key Person time 12.30-3.30	Thursday Key Person time 12.30-3.30	Friday Key Person time 12.30-3.30

