



30 hours free childcare

Check your eligibility on www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parents

1. What is 30 hours free childcare?

This entitlement for working parents of three and four year old children was introduced in September 2017. This is an additional 15 hours per week entitlement in addition to the child's existing 15 hour free early education place.

This entitlement of 30 hours free childcare is offered at Kingswood Nursery school term time only, 38 weeks of the year.

2. Who is eligible for 30 hours free childcare?

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 (European economic area) 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 (European economic area) national and subject to immigration control (and has no recourse to public funds).

For up to date information on eligibility please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parents

3. How will the school know who are their eligible parents?

It will be a parent's responsibility to apply for 30 hours free childcare via the online HMRC eligibility checker. Parents will receive an eligibility voucher code if they are eligible (**which is 11 digits long**) which they must show their chosen provider, along with their national insurance number and their child's date of birth.

4. Are families eligible for the whole year once they receive a voucher code?

No, parents have a responsibility to re check their eligibility every three months with HMRC.

5. When can parent/carers apply?

Parents can apply when the child reaches 2 years 39 weeks old.



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 £22.50
- Kingswood also works in partnership with other providers on the 30 hour scheme e.g. childminders and we are able 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 fewer sessions these must be in 4 hour blocks (see grids below).
- To check up to date information on eligibility and apply for a place visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Examples of 30 hours at Kingswood:

CHILD A:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Key Person time 8.30-11.30				
Lunch club 11.30-12.30				Option to purchase additional hours @ £22.50
Wraparound Time 12.30 – 3.30				

CHILD B:

Monday Wraparound Time 8.30-11.30	Tuesday Wraparound Time 8.30-11.30	Wednesday Wraparound Time 8.30-11.30	Thursday Wraparound Time 8.30-11.30	Option to purchase additional hours @ @ £22.50
Lunch club 11.30-12.30				
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