

INFORMATION SESSION FOR FAMILIES



EXTENSION OF THE FREE ENTITLEMENT



THE EXTENSION OF THE FREE ENTITLEMENT STARTS IN APRIL 2024

- At the Spring Budget 2023, the Government announced the 30 hours entitlement will be extended in stages from April 2024 to children aged nine months to three years in England
- Hundreds of thousands more working parents will be supported through an extension of the free childcare on offer, more than doubling the current support in place. This will help mums in particular to stay in work and keep the economy growing.
- We know that childcare is one of the biggest costs facing working households, which is why we want to make it cheaper and more accessible, to reduce the barriers preventing some parents from going back to work.



THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF TALK IN THE MEDIA!

Free childcare expansion 'worrying', Dodford nursery warns

22 hours ago



OLLIE CONOPO/BBC

Rachel Martin said other nurseries were in a similar position over staff and spaces

By Pete Cooper & Ollie Conopo

BBC News, Northamptonshire

The expansion of free childcare is "worrying" due



Starmer defends National Trust against Tory claims of 'wokery'

Crisis for parents over free childcare

Plan beset by problems with IT, staff and funding

Parents are being told to expect a crisis over free childcare as the government's plan to expand the scheme is beset by problems with IT, staff and funding. The plan to provide 11 hours of free childcare a week for two-year-olds is being rolled out in a phased manner, but parents are being told to expect a crisis over the scheme's implementation.

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Duchess of York has skin cancer

DeSantis quits Republican race — and backs Trump

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has announced he is quitting the Republican race for the White House and backing Donald Trump. DeSantis said he was "not a politician" and that he wanted to focus on his family and his state.

Tory plan to expand free childcare is 'undeliverable', nurseries in England warn

Survey reveals large numbers of childcare providers will not increase capacity because of staff, cost or space concerns



ADMISSIONS AND PLACES AT OUR SCHOOL

In order for our school to deliver the free entitlements we needed to think about how we offer places to ensure long term sustainability for the school.

We have changed our current admissions policy as our key aims are to

- Maintain outstanding care and education for our local communities
- Ensure long term sustainability for the school
- Retain our wonderful staff team
- Try to keep any fees as low as possible for families.

We are aware that has been frustrating for some families

- we released our new admissions policy a little later than normal
- many families are finding the portal difficult to navigate or are being logged out mid application
- The new funding rates have not been published yet so we are unable to publish our new fee structures

PLACES AND FEES

Our new admissions policy states that families can take their 30 hours over 4 days Monday- Thursday or Tuesday- Friday with the option of buying the fifth day (term time only).

8.00am-3.30pm

After School Club 3.30pm-6pm (payable) you need only pay for the days you need.

This entitlement will be in term time only. You will need to book care in holiday periods in our 'Play Scheme'. You will be given a booking form at the start of the academic year and you can book for the whole year. This means you will not be paying fees if you are on holiday. You will be able to change your booking if required up to 3 weeks before a holiday.

We will publish our new fee structure as soon as the new hourly rates have been published by Haringey Council to schools.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- Anyone who currently has a place at our school will be contacted to ask what your preference is moving forward. Monday-Thursday or Tuesday- Friday
- All families will be offered an appointment with a member of staff to discuss their family's needs, helping you to navigate this new care and education landscape. This could be at drop off time or over the phone at a mutually convenient time.
- What happens if I am only eligible for 15 hours as a working parent and I don't want my child to have 30 hours yet. For the next twelve months we will be flexible with this as we do not want families to experience financial hardship due to the school's policy. However, by September 2025 all children will be expected to do a minimum of four days a week.

QUESTIONS



- Do you have any questions?
- We may not have all the answers to begin with as the Department for Education and Haringey Council have not released all the information that we need yet to deliver the extension to the free entitlement.
- We will endeavour to answer all your questions but some of them we may need to come back to you on.