

20th February 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

You have applied for your child to attend our nursery for September 2017. You may or may not have heard about the doubling of free childcare to 30 hours being rolled out by the Government across the country later this year for 3/4 year olds. We are writing to let you know what is on offer, eligibility etc, please see the information below:-

What is the offer?

15 hours of free early education for all 3 and 4 year olds.

An additional 15 hours for 3 and 4 year olds with working parents from September 2017.

Parents will need to meet eligibility criteria to qualify for the extended entitlement.

Who is eligible?

All parents (whether two parent or lone parent) who are working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours per week at the National Minimum or Living Wage (this includes income received from tax credits or Universal Credit)

Parents on zero hours contracts will be eligible, as are those who are registered as self employed.

Both parents are employed but one or both parents is/are temporarily away from the workplace:

- On parental, adoption, maternity or paternity leave;
- On statutory sick pay.

One parent is employed and the other:

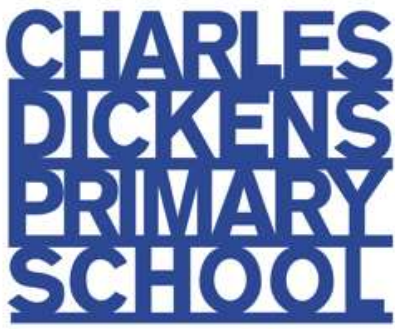
- Has substantial caring responsibilities based on special benefits received for caring;
- Is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits.

One parent is a foster carer with their own three and four year old children.

Who is not eligible?

If one parents income exceeds £100k (the house hold will not eligible).





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How will eligibility be checked?

Parents will be able to apply for the extended entitlement through the HMRC website or telephone.

They will be given an eligibility code, which they will need to take to their provider (i.e. the school).

The provider sends this code to the LA who will reconfirm this code when a funding claim is made.

Changes in circumstances

Eligibility codes valid for 3 months. Parents will be asked to reconfirm their eligibility with HRMC every 3 months, declaring any changes in circumstances.

If a parent(s) falls out of eligibility, they will be given a grace period before their extended entitlement is withdrawn (still to be defined by DfE).

The HMRC website will provide more details about this scheme.

We would like to also bring to your attention that as from September 2017 fees for full time nursery will be increasing to £80 per week. Also the cost of a school dinner will be £2.20 per day. If you think you would be entitled to free school meals you can ask for an application form from the school if your child obtains a place.

If all this information means that you wish to change your application to a full or part time place please contact the school.

You will hear from us by 15th March as to whether your child has been allocated a place in our Nursery for September 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Cassie Buchanan
Headteacher

