



30 FREE HOURS FAQs

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Q: WHAT FREE HOURS AM I ENTITLED TO?

A: All 3 and 4 year olds in England can receive 570 hours of free early education or childcare per year. You may also be eligible to receive an “additional” 570 hours of free early years education or childcare per year. Potentially 1,140 of free childcare hours.

The additional 570 hours is available from September 2017.

Q HOW MANY HOURS IS THIS PER WEEK?

A: The guidelines state 15 hours a week based on a 38 week year, term-time only settings. This apportionment basis will differ for settings that are open for a greater proportion of the year.

As 22 St Lane is open over 51 weeks of the year. The apportionment of available free childcare hours is as follows:

- Up to 11 hours per week of automatic free childcare (11hours x 51 weeks = 561 hours); and
- Potentially a further 11 hours per week of additional childcare (11 hours x 51 weeks = 561 hours)
Potentially a total of 22 free childcare hours per week.

Q: IS MY CHILDCARE PROVIDER OBLIGED TO PROVIDE THE FREE HOURS?

A: Your childcare provider must provide the compulsory hours. These are apportioned over the number of weeks a year the setting is open.

Your childcare provider may provide the additional 570 hours, even if you aren’t eligible, at their discretion.

Q: WILL I AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFY FOR THE 30 HOURS?

A: No. All families are entitled to 570 hours. The additional 570 hours will depend on whether you meet the eligibility criteria stipulated by the Government.

Q: WHAT MAKES ME ELIGIBLE?

A: Details of eligibility are detailed in this document:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/615804/30_hou
rs_free_childcare.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/615804/30_hou_rs_free_childcare.pdf)



Q: WHAT MAKES ME NOT ELIGIBLE?

A: A parent will not meet the eligibility criteria when:

- Either parent has income of more than £100,000
- If one or both parents is a non-EEA national and the parent applying does not have recourse to public funds.

Q I AM ELIGIBLE, WILL I AUTOMATICALLY RECEIVE THE FREE ADDITIONAL HOURS?

A: No. you must apply for the additional free hours through HMRC. Applications can be completed online:

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>

Before you start make sure you have (for you and your partner):

- Your National Insurance Number
- If you are self-employed, your Unique Tax Reference
- The date you started, or are due to start work
- Details of any other government support to get.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MY APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL?

A: You will be given a voucher code. This will need to be presented to the nursery in order that your free childcare hours to be processed.

Q: IS THERE A DEADLINE BY WHICH I MUST APPLY?

A: Yes. The deadlines issued by HMRC for each term are as follows; 31st August for the Autumn Term , 31st December for the Spring Term , and 31st March for the Summer term.

Q: EVEN IF I AM ELIGIBLE, DO I HAVE TO CLAIM FOR FREE HOURS?

A: No, the choice is yours.



Q: I AM ELIGIBLE AND I WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR THE ADDITIONAL HOURS. WHEN CAN I CLAIM?

A: The date you that funding can be claimed from LCC is dependent on your child's birthday as shown in the following table. In order to stretch the funding that is received over 51 weeks, the month that we will apply the funding to your invoice is also detailed.

Childs Birthday	When you can claim	Funding Applied to Invoice
01 September to 31 December	The beginning of the term on or after 01 January	From January
01 January to 31 March	The beginning of the term on or after 01 April	From May
01 April to 31 August	The beginning of the term on or after 01 September	From September

Q ONCE I KNOW I AM ELIGIBLE FOR THE 30 HOURS, IS MY CHILD AUTOMATICALLY ENTITLED TO IT UNTIL THEY ATTEND SCHOOL?

A: No. Because employment circumstances may change from time to time, parents will receive a prompt every three months from HMRC to reconfirm their details so that their eligibility can be re-assessed.

Q: HOW LONG CAN I CLAIM FREE CHILDCARE FOR?

A: The free early education and childcare stops once your child starts reception class in a state school.

Q: I DON'T FEEL THE DAILY SUPPORT COST IS JUSTIFIED. CAN I ELECT NOT TO RECEIVE THESE SUPPORT COSTS?

A: No. The support costs are a compulsory element of our fee. They ensure we are fully equipped to support your child to the standards we have committed to. Unfortunately, attendance in the setting will not be permitted without due settlement of these support costs.

Fees	Current Daily Rate	NEW Daily Rate
Core Education Fee	£52.00	£55.00
Support Fee	£30.00	£34.50
TOTAL	£82.00	£89.50
The daily support cost includes, but is not limited to, the follow: Meals, Snacks, Trips, Events and Outings, Classroom Resources, Consumables, Nappies.		



Q: HOW WILL THE FEE INCREASE AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING IMPACT MY MONTHLY INVOICE:

A: Indicative monthly invoices value are as follows:

Funding Model: Indicative Monthly Invoice			
	Full Fee	11 Hours Funding	22 Hours Funding
2 Days	£775.67	£525.98	£321.70
3 Days	£1,163.50	£913.82	£664.13
4 Days	£1,551.33	£1,301.65	£1051.97
5 Days	£1,939.17	£1,689.48	£1,439.80

Q CAN I GAIN COMFORT THAT THIS CHARGING MODEL IS CONSIDERED FAIR?

A: Yes, we have been working on our model with Leeds City Council and as such 22SLN fee structure is compliant with our LCC contract and also with the Early Education and Childcare Statutory Guidance 2017.

Q: WHERE CAN I OBTAIN MORE INFORMATON?

A: If you have any questions, please refer to the attached FAQs on the website which hopefully details all information required. If you have any queries regarding the calculations, please can we ask that you email the Nursery via the following email address:
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