

30 Hour Funding Parent Information

Dear Parents,

From September 2017 working parents of 3 and 4 year old children in England *may* be entitled to an extra 15 hours per week of childcare (on top of the universal 15 hour entitlement available to everyone) if they reach the required criteria. Parents will be able to apply for Tax-Free Childcare & 30 hours free childcare at the same time through a single online service. To find out if you qualify please go onto the website and input your details. However, if you qualify please wait until June to apply for the 30 hour funding because you will be allocated an 11 digit code which you must provide us with and the code is only valid for 3 months and therefore this will enable it to be valid in September when the funding starts. More information regarding the criteria can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility>

Currently the 15 hours free are offered for 38 weeks of the year, equating to 570 hours per year. At Chrysalis we are open for 52 weeks and therefore stretch the hours over the year, which equates to 11 hours per week for 52 weeks (572 hours – we give you 2 free hours free!). If you are eligible for the 30 free hours the same principle will apply and you will receive 22 hours per week, 52 weeks a year (subject to availability). The hours will be applied to afternoon sessions and therefore is equivalent to 4 free sessions. The hours can be claimed the term after your child turns 3 years.

A child born on or between:	Will become eligible for the early years entitlement from:
1 st April & 31 st August	1 st September following their third birthday
1 st September & 31 st December	1 st January following their third birthday
1 st January & 31 st March	1 st April following their third birthday

If you think you will meet the criteria and would like to increase your sessions and claim the free hours we strongly advise submitting your requests as soon as possible in writing via email to hannah@chrysalisnursery.co.uk as the occupancy is increasing and we would like to give current parents preference where possible. Hannah has already drafted the occupancy for September so will be able to tell you which sessions we can apply your additional 15 hours to if you meet the criteria and are entitled to them. Places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please speak to her if you have any questions regarding this.

If you require any further information regarding your fees please email Alex our finance officer accounts@chrysalisnursery.co.uk

We hope you benefit from using the above schemes and will continually update you with information as we receive it from the relevant bodies. To apply click here:

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

Best wishes,
K. Hersey

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