

30 hours Nursery Free Entitlement

Currently **all** children are entitled to access the universal 15 hours each week which commences the term after their third birthday and continues until they start Reception. However, **some** children will be entitled to extended 30 hours of free provision, (which is the universal 15 hours plus an additional 15 hours). The application process for receiving the extended entitlement is through something called 'The Digital Childcare Service'. Therefore, Parents/Carers wishing to access the additional 15 hours' free childcare entitlement will be able to apply using the following link: https://childcaresupport.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow

If you wish to check the eligibility criteria for the additional 15 hours free child care you can check on-line via Childcare Choices at <u>https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/</u> or the Childcare Calculator at <u>http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator</u>.

Knypersley First School Nursery sessions are as follows:

Our current sessions are:

AM - 8:45am-11:45am (15 hours)

PM -12.15pm -3:15pm (15 hours)

There is currently no option for your child to take part in both AM and PM session within Knypersley First School. We do however offer an option of wrap-around care through Reach for the Stars. Reach for the Stars is located on school grounds and the staff work closely with our school nursery team to ensure that care is consistent and communication is effective. If you would like any further information regarding availability for Reach for the Stars Knypersley please feel free to call:

01782 517433

If you wish to access the 30 hour entitlement our wrap-around care partners 'Reach for the Stars' offer dinner time clubs at an additional cost. Please contact Reach for the Stars Knypersley for more information regarding prices and available spaces.

Please note that the wrap-around care booking is separate from the application process for Knypersley First School so if you require additional hours past the 15 that we offer then please contact Reach for the Stars separately.

There are options for parents/carers who would like to split their hours between different providers.

Parents/Carers do not need to do anything further if they just want to access the universal 15 hour entitlement for three and four year old (every morning or every afternoon).

However, as part of the application process for 30 hour entitlement you will be asked to enter personal details including name, address and NI number and the same details for your partner, if you have one. You will also be asked about income over the coming 3 months and information about any benefits that you may receive.

If you are eligible for 30 hours you will be given an 11 digit 'eligibility code'. You need to bring this code to us along with your child's date of birth and your National Insurance number in order to claim the 30 hours.

IMPORTANT

As we have to validate your entitlement with the Government using your personal details we must receive a signed Parental Declaration form allowing us to do this. Without the declaration form you will not be able to access the additional hours.

Please be aware that the 30 hours entitlement will not commence until the term after the eligibility code is received so please apply for it as soon as possible. It will also need to be renewed every 3 months, if not the provision will cease.

Again to reiterate – Please act promptly and bring us your eligibility information if you want to access the 30-hour entitlement.

If you have any further questions regarding 15/30-hour entitlement, please contact the school office on **01782 973810**

Many thanks,

Miss Leese

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