

ATTENTION PARENTS OF 3- AND 4-YEAR-OLDS

All 3- and 4-year-olds are entitled to 15 hours free childcare from the **term** after their 3rd birthday.

Children of **Working Parents** may also be entitled to **30 hours childcare** per week.

Whether your choice is 15 or 30 hours, please ask for a School application form **now**, so that we can keep a track of your application.

(This application is separate from the 30 hours application, below. You will still need to follow the steps to check if you qualify for the 30 hours provision)

To find out if you qualify for 30 hours childcare and apply, go on-line to:
www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

(You can also apply for Tax Free Childcare on the same link)

**IMPORTANT: PARENTS NEED TO APPLY FOR THEIR 30 HOUR ELIGIBILITY CODE
THE TERM BEFORE THEY WANT TO CLAIM 30 HOURS**

To ensure you can claim 30 hours free childcare at Oakfield Nursery, from **September 2022**, HMRC are encouraging parents **to apply before the end of August 2022 at the latest**, as any applications received after 31st August will **not be** eligible to claim the additional hours in the autumn term (from September)

To be eligible for 30 hours from September 2022, both parts of the criteria below must be met:

- The child must be 3 or 4 years old before 31st August 2022 and
- Working parents must have applied and been issued with an eligibility code with a start date **before 31st August 2022 (therefore, if your child is 3 in the autumn term, you would need to have applied for the code, by the end of June).**

Children joining us for the 30 hours will eat either a school dinner (to be paid for by parents), or a packed lunch (to be brought in, with your child).

30 hours place – start time – 9.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

15 hours place – start time - 8.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. or 12.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call the School office on 0151 424 4958 or message the office through ClassDOJO

REMINDER – Parents who have already applied and are eligible for 30 hours are reminded that they MUST RE-CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY EVERY 3 MONTHS, by logging into their Government Gateway account, otherwise the code will expire and become ineligible.