

Norcot Early Years Centre 30 hours Free Childcare offer

What is 30 Hours free childcare?

From September 2017 many working parents of 3 to 4 year olds in England will be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare – building up from the current 15 hours available.

It is important to note that the free 30 hours is only for **38 weeks** per year not 52 weeks. It is basically equivalent to school term times. If you are eligible for the additional free childcare, you will have the option to use it for up to 30 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year (term time), or slightly less hours per week spread over more weeks of the year.

Will my child get it?

Not necessarily, as not everyone is eligible. Everyone will still receive the universal 15 hours free education entitlement that is currently available. At Norcot Nursery School this must be taken across 5 days of the week either in am OR pm sessions.

There is detailed guidance available on the DFE website:

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

The basic eligibility rules for 30 hours free childcare are:

- Your child will be aged 3 or 4.
- Both parents must be working – or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family.
- Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage.
- Each parent must have an annual income of less than £100,000.
- You live in England.

Your eligibility will be checked using a online tool provided by Reading Borough Council prior to your child's admission and will be checked each term.

At Norcot we are offering up to:

- 30 hrs term time only, **38 weeks in Nursery School and Waterside**
- 22.35 hrs all year round, **51 weeks in Waterside only**
- 21 or 24 hours for **47.5 weeks** to spread your entitlement to include holidays (excluding Christmas and bank holidays). To be taken as 5 am OR pm sessions, plus 2 or 3 additional am OR pm sessions (term time) AND up to 3 or 4 sessions (9am-3pm) per week in holiday club weeks **Nursery School only**

PLEASE NOTE: If your child attends both Waterside and Nursery sessions, then the only option available to you is the 30 hr term time option

Wraparound care rates will still apply in Waterside.

If you require breakfast, lunch and tea clubs in the Nursery School fees will be payable at the published rates. The free entitlement is for the following sessions only (8:30-11:30am or 12:30-3:30pm term time and 9am-3pm for holiday club)

Examples of what this will mean for you from September 2017:

Waterside

We will continue to invoice you in the usual way with your additional entitlement deducted. You will need to advise us if you want to spread your 30 hours entitlement over the full year or reduce it to 22.35 hours per week over 51 weeks of the year.

Nursery School

Example 1: Child is full time, attending 5 x am sessions and 5 x pm sessions per week, term time only.

Child receives 30 hours entitlement and you will receive an invoice for 5 lunch club sessions per week. If you require breakfast and/or tea club in addition we will invoice you for these too. If you required Holiday club sessions, these would need to be paid for.

Example 2: Child attends 5 x am sessions and 2 x pm sessions with breakfast club and lunch club on the full days.

Child receives 21 hours entitlement and you will receive an invoice for 2 breakfast and lunch club session per week. *By opting for the 24 hours per week offer, you pay only for breakfast and lunch clubs, and can use up to 4 sessions (9am-3pm) per week for holiday club. Any breakfast, snack, or tea clubs used during holiday club would also need to be paid for.*

PLEASE NOTE:

You will not be able to accrue unused hours. For example: If you only use 21 hours during term time you cannot use 27 hours per week during holiday club. Your term time hours should be the same as your holiday club hours for our headcount purposes.

Each offer is up to the hours quoted. i.e. Up to 30 hours for 38 weeks, up to 22.35 hours for 51 weeks (Waterside only), up to 24 hours for 47.5 weeks (Nursery only)

It is very important that you decide on the offer that you require. Eligibility will be checked before each term. You will not be able to change options unless there are exceptional circumstances

You need to continue with the timing of your current 15 hours. If you currently use morning sessions for your 15 hours, any additional sessions will need to be PM sessions and vice versa.

If you have any queries please contact:

Waterside: 0118 9375677

Nursery School: 0118 9375577

We will be running parent Question and Answer sessions after Easter more details to follow