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 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 http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or the Childcare Calculator at http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator.

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

Please note places at Marlfields Primary School are limited and can only be used for morning or afternoon sessions in our Nursery to coincide with the universal 15 hours already being provided. e.g. if your child is given a morning place in our nursery group they can attend the afternoon session using the 30 hours entitlement if eligible.

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.

How it will run here at our school:

Our current sessions are:

AM – 9.00am-1.00pm (15 hours)

PM -1.00pm -4.00pm (15 hours)

If you access the 30 hour entitlement here at Marlfields Primary School, then you would have two options over the lunch period, they are:

Option 1: You can pay for a school lunch for your child at a cost of £3.00 per day

Option 2: You can send your child with a packed lunch from home

There is currently no charge for this provision at this time.

If you are not eligible for the 30 hour entitlement, but would like to access sessions beyond the universal 15 hours, these can be booked via the school office, subject to availability. These additional sessions will be charged at £15.24 per session.

If you require before and after school club provision, this will be charged additionally. Please see our website for more details and prices.

Again to reiterate – Please act promptly and bring us your eligibility information if you want to access the 30-hour entitlement. The dates below will support you in deadlines for funding application/ re-activation.

When your child turns 3	When they can get 30 hours from	Recommended time to apply
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January	15 October to 30 November
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	15 January to 28 February
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	15 June to 31 July