

St Margaret's at Hasbury Church of England Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are currently looking at how we can support our families of children with three and four year olds by offering 30 hours per week of early education.

Since September 2017, three and four year olds of working parents in England have been entitled to 30 hours per week of government funded early education and childcare during term time (38 weeks of the year). The entitlement can be 'stretched' across the year to include school holidays and weekends. If a provider is able, parents are able to take their child's 30 hours in a flexible way. You can split your funded hours between 3 providers on up to two different sites per day, for example between a childminder and sessional nursery, using no more than 10 hours in one day. However, the providers all have to agree with the arrangement.

To qualify, both parents (or the sole parent in a single parent family) need to be working and earning, on average, at least the equivalent of 16 hours on the national living/minimum wage per week and no more than £100,000 per year.

As with the universal 15 hour entitlement, children become eligible the term after they turn three and you have had your eligibility confirmed by the government.

We are asking for parents' views to ascertain if there would be a take up of the 30 hours and how you might wish to take your child's hours, in order to help us meet your needs and those of St. Margaret's at Hasbury Nursery.

We will be looking at offering the 30 hours after Easter from 20th April. The information you give us is essential to ensure that we provide places with your needs in mind and that they are fairly allocated to all children in the setting. The setting will run from 8.30a.m - 3.30p.m Monday – Friday, term time only. If you choose to keep your child in St. Margaret's at Hasbury Nursery during the lunch hour, you will be charged in line with our current Fee Agreement.



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Information about the 30 hours entitlement

Children in the term after their third birthday will be able to access the 30 hours, if they meet the government criteria:

- Their parents or parent are working at least 16 hours each week and work the equivalent of and/ or receive the national minimum or living wage.
- A parent or parents earn less than £100,000 per year each for dual parent households.
- The entitlement extends to those who are self-employed.
- One or both parents are temporarily away from work on maternity, paternity, parental or adoption leave.
- One or both parents are temporarily away from work and are receiving Statutory Sick Pay.
- One parent is in receipt of benefits relating to caring responsibilities or their own disability.
- One parent is employed and one parent is disabled or is incapacitated receiving specific benefits.
- Parent means a person with parental responsibility for a child or care of the child in cases where the parent has remarried or is living with a partner, the step parent or partner must also meet the earnings threshold.
- Parents will need to have their eligibility verified through the local authority.
- Parents can choose to take the 30 hours entitlement with maintained nursery classes; with private day nurseries or Pre-Schools or with a registered child minder.

Further information regarding the 30 hour entitlement can be found at www.dudley.gov.uk and searching for extra time for three and fours or through www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

If 30 hours is something you are very much interested in could I please ask that you return the form to the school office by Friday 10th January.

Regards

Mrs Shepherd

Headteacher



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30 Hours Entitlement

Child's Name: _____

DOB _____

Parent's name _____

Contact number _____

	Please tick
Five full days 5 x 6 hours (30 hours funded plus 5 hours fee paying for lunchtimes)	
Two full days and 1 session a.m (15 hours funded, plus 2 hours fee paying for lunchtimes)	
Two full days and 1 session p.m (15 hours funded, plus 2 hours fee paying for lunchtimes)	
Five morning sessions 5 x3 hours (15 hours)	
Five afternoon sessions 5x 3 hours (15 hours)	
Prefer to split your 30 hours across 3 providers per week	

1. If you are intending to split your hours across 3 providers per week, how do you intend to do this?

2. I do not wish to use the full 30 hours entitlement:- Please indicate how many hours you would use?

3. Would you like to make any comment on the free 30 hour entitlement?

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