



## **Frequently Asked Questions about applying for a place at** **York Road Nursery**

- **How do I apply?** – Online. Please refer to the Admissions Policy on our website or follow the pop-up link to the admissions form, if applicable.
- **Can I visit the Nursery?** – Under current restrictions – unfortunately not.
- **How can I view the Nursery?** – Please visit our Website for our virtual tours and follow our Facebook page for updated videos.
- **When do I need to apply for York Road?** – Applications open in the September before your child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, for entry the following September.
- **How old does my child need to be to start York Road Nursery?** – Your child needs to have turned 3 years old, between the 1<sup>st</sup> September and the 31<sup>st</sup> August to be able to start York Road in the following September. Your child will have their 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday during the year they are at York Road.
- **How are places offered out?** - Priority will be given to funded 30 hour children, and Yorkies wraparound. These will be morning spaces.
- **Will I receive confirmation of my child's place?** – Please refer to the Timeline on the York Road Website Admissions page.

## **30 Hour Frequently Asked Questions**

- **Who is eligible for 30 Hours Free Childcare?** – To check eligibility, go to – “[childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://childcarechoices.gov.uk)”.
- **How will the school know who eligible parents are?** – from HMRC
- **How do we apply for 30 hour provision at York Road ?** – Parents/ Carers will need to apply for 30 hours on the York Road application form, once you have received your eligibility confirmation.
- **How is 30 hours delivered at York Road?** - For those parents who are eligible for their child to receive 30 hours childcare provision, this will be arranged so that your child attends York Road Nursery School for 15 hours a week and then the additional 15 hours will be within the school setting and maybe in partnership with Yorkies Daycare. The hours available for the 30 hours childcare provision will be Monday-Thursday - 9.00-3.30 and Friday – 9.00-1.00, term time only.
- **What if I need more than 30 hours?** – Further hours in addition to the 30 hours provision, is available from Yorkies Daycare on a fee-paying basis. This care is provided in the Nursery School setting by Yorkies Daycare, in accordance with its admissions criteria and terms and conditions and applied for at the same time as York Road Nursery admissions. (Yorkies Daycare is a charity run by a separate committee and is not part of York Road Nursery School).
- **Do I have to use my full 30 hours allocation?** – You must attend York Road Nursery every morning, as part of the Universal 15 hours allocation. However, you do not need to use your extra 15 hours allocation, but your child is entitled to use the full allocation. Lots of parents do not use the full 15 extra hours when their child first starts Nursery, but build up to it as the term progresses.

We do ask that if you are not using your full allocation, you use the same booking pattern every week.

- **When do I need to send my child's voucher code?** – Once your place at York Road has been confirmed, you will need to send through the voucher code as soon as possible. The code will be 11 digits long and normally begins with a "5". When sending the code please do not forget to include your child's full name.
- **What happens if I lose eligibility for the 30 hours?** – Please confirm to the school as soon as possible but be aware that HDC (Hertfordshire District Council), give each child a "terms grace", which means 30 hours eligibility will continue to the end of that term.
- **What happens if I get 30 hours eligibility part way through a term?** – If your circumstances change mid-way through a term, you will then receive a 30-hour code, unfortunately we will be unable to provide 30 hours provision until the beginning of the next term, space permitting.
- **Do codes expire?** – Yes, codes do expire and need to be renewed every three months on the HMRC website. Please note that codes must be valid on the 31<sup>st</sup> August for September; 31<sup>st</sup> December for January and 31<sup>st</sup> March for April.