



30 Hours How does it all work?

How do I get 30 hours?

Go to the childcare choices website run by HMRC, the application is on their website. You can apply up to three months before your child turns three. As a general rule both parents must be working and earn under 100K each, there is also a minimum amount you must earn every week, but this includes parents on maternity leave and sick leave. For single parents, only one parent needs to be working. It is worth checking all your entitlements on this webpage. It offers advice on lots of childcare. 30 hours has to be renewed every three months but you will be sent a reminder from HMRC.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

How do I inform you that I have 30 Hours?

HMRC will give you an 11 digit code that usually starts with a 5 you must give us this before your child starts at York Road.

For entitlement in the Autumn term this code needs to be valid on the 31st of August, for the Spring term the 31st of December and for the summer term the 31st of March. You must renew your code every three months, you will be sent a reminder but in addition to this we are also given prompts when a code is about to run out so we will also remind parents.

We cannot give you 30 hours without this code. Please also bear in mind that if you think you will be entitled to 30 hours, apply appropriately on our admissions form parents who have applied for only 15 hours a week will only get that offered to them on our offer date. We can't then give you a 30 hours place if you become eligible after the offer date. Spaces are limited.

I have been awarded 30 hours but I need more hours than this as I work full time.

You must also apply for Yorkies on our admissions form. Only times before and after our 30 hours offer remain payable.

I have been awarded 30 hours but don't think I will use it all.

Not a problem, as long as your child attends the minimum of 5 mornings until 12pm then the days you use after this is up to you. You can either pick your child up at 12pm or 3.30pm. You may for example pick up at 12pm on a Monday and Tuesday and have them do longer days on a Wednesday and Thursday. The staff request that you stick to the same pattern every week and warn them in advance of any changes. The 30 hours entitlement is yours and even if you don't use it all right away, it will remain yours for the full time you are eligible. Lots of parents do this and increase the hours spent at York Road the closer their child gets to school. Children can only be picked up when we open for parents at 12pm and 3.30pm and 1pm on a Friday for safeguarding reasons.

I don't get 30 hours but still need more than the 15 hours in order to work how do I do that?

Even if you don't get 30 hours we can still easily offer you wraparound at Yorkies, the session price would cover from 12pm to 6pm and a minimum of two sessions is required for booking afternoons, there is no minimum if you only need Breakfast club from 8am until 9am. Just apply for Yorkies through the admissions process, and we will do the rest.

I think my work needs will change before September next year how do I know what to apply for now?

In order to access Yorkies or 30 hours you must apply for a morning place at York Road. If you think you are likely to get 30 hours then please apply for a 30 hours place, if you think you may need Yorkies, apply for the minimum you may need. The Yorkies part of the application is not confirmed until closer to the time, we understand that your work commitments may change, and you will be contacted by Yorkies in the summer term before you start, to confirm your sessions.

I have lost my job what happens to my 30 hours?

We are funded on a termly basis so if you are entitled to 30 hours at the start of a term then lose your entitlement you are given a 'terms grace' and we will fund you until the end of that term.

I have just become entitled to 30 hours as I have started work what do I need to do?

You must tell us the 30 hours code you have been given, because of the way Hertfordshire fund schools we can't add your child to the 30 hour provision before the start of a new term, so for example if you become eligible half way through the Autumn term the earliest we would be able to offer you the 30 hours is the start of the spring term. We can offer you Yorkies to cover hours you need up until your 30 hours kicks in.

I have a childminder can I split the 30 hours between you and them?

Yes you can, but in order to be able to attend York Road you must still do the minimum 15 hours with us Monday to Friday 9am until 12pm the other 15 hours can then be used by your childminder in any way they wish to apply it to you. If this is the case we don't then need your 30 hours code as the extra 15 hours are claimed by your childminder.

I work all year round are York Road able to stretch the offer?

Unfortunately not, our offer is only for the extra hours over the 38 week term period. Yorkies are however open most of the year and you can book Holiday club even if you don't need term time wraparound.

What Can my child expect doing the extra 15 hours in the afternoon?

Children who don't do any extra wraparound (just 30 hours) are in the 'Rainbows' group in the afternoon. Your child will continue their exploring and play with their friends into the afternoon, sharing their lunchtimes with their peers.

Their afternoons will include spending time with children and staff members from other groups giving them greater scope to explore further and broaden their experiences within the nursery.

What if they are in Yorkies doing their extra 15 hours?

Your child will be allocated a Yorkies group in the afternoon with a named keyworker who you will get to meet at settling in sessions, if your child does any form of extra wraparound care in the afternoon, they still have the same lunch experience every day with the same children and get to know them, the experience in Yorkies and Rainbows is the same apart from where they eat their lunch

I still have questions how do I clarify Things?

You can contact the office at admin@yorkroad.herts.sch.uk or speak to us on 01462 459127. We are happy to answer any questions you have about 30 hours if we don't know the answer we will be happy to find out for you.