



What's a Maintained Nursery?

We are a maintained Nursery School which means we are a stand alone setting that only has Nursery children and doesn't feed in to a specific school but rather to all of the schools in the area, we also have children who go on to primary schools in the surrounding villages and Letchworth and Stevenage. We are the only maintained Nursery School in Hitchin and in addition to having the advantage of being a fully funded Outstanding school we also have wraparound care available on site from 8am in the morning until 6pm at night in partnership with Yorkies Daycare.

Every child when they turn three is entitled to free 15 hours universal funding. We are awarded the funding the term after they turn three, so in order to be accepted at York Road Nursery in September (our biggest intake) your child must have turned three by the 31st of August in that year. For January starts (when space permits) your child must have turned three by the 31st of December. For starts in the summer term, which is always after the Easter break (unlikely we would have space by then) your child would have had to have turned three by the 31st of March.

So the funding for 15 and 30 hours is available to us the term after your child's third birthday. Most of the children at York Road Nursery are in the academic year before they start Reception at 'big school'. So all are aged three or four.

What is the Funding All About?

The free universal 15 hours is available;

- For all families in England
- With 3 and 4-year-old children
- 15 hours of free childcare or early education for 38 weeks.

In York Road Nursery this allocation is delivered from 9am to 12pm Monday to Friday, attendance is compulsory as we are a school and no matter what else you do at York Road these hours are the very minimum you can do. They are totally free to you.

30 Hours Childcare :

- For **working families in England**
- With **3 and 4-year-old children**
- **30 hours of free childcare** or early education for **38 weeks** a total of **1,140 hours per year**, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider.

At York Road the 30 hours entitlement is delivered between the hours of 9am and 3.30pm Monday to Thursday and until 1pm on a Friday. Term time only . This is your free entitlement and you are not charged for any of this time. Your child will require a packed lunch if they are using 30 hours.

Wrap Around Care

If you require wraparound care before 9am in the morning and after 3.30pm Monday to Thursday and after 1pm on a Friday, then you will require Yorkies Daycare, which works in partnership with York Road. Yorkies use the same rooms, the same outdoors and some of the same staff to give a seamless wraparound experience of childcare for your child. We are also open most of the year to cover school holidays when York Road Nursery is closed.

Only the times before and after the 30 hours allocation are chargeable and full prices are on our website. www.yorkiesdaycare.com Unfortunately you can't use any 30 hours entitlement that you don't use to pay for Yorkies.

We like to think that we offer all the convenience of a full time day nursery with the added advantage of making your child 'school ready' within a teacher led environment.