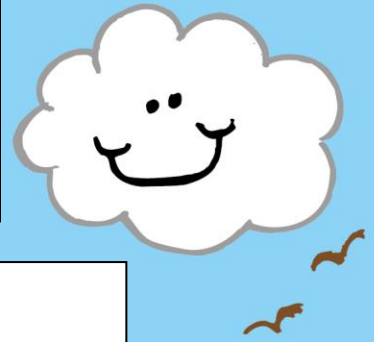


May Update 30 Hours Childcare for 3 and 4 Year Olds



Online eligibility checking service for parents:

The 30 hour checking service is now live: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Parents can now follow the above link to complete their eligibility check for both the 30 hours funded childcare and to open a tax-free childcare account. The checking system takes about half an hour to complete, however times may vary as parents may need to create a Government Gateway account if they do not already have one. It may be helpful for parents to know that they will need their passport or recent P60 in order to create their Gateway account; and as they progress through the check they will also need their partners National Insurance Number and employment start date, if this is relevant to their application.

Please note that due to the announcement that there will be a general election in June the application process for both the 30 hours and the tax-free childcare account has been amended slightly. All parents will need to click on 'No' when asked, 'Were you invited to use this service?'

Thank you to all providers who have attended the recent 30 hour briefings. Lorna Davies will be sending a summary of feedback and queries resulting from the workshops that took place.

We recommend that parents complete their 30 hour eligibility check the term before their child's 3rd birthday to ensure that they then have enough time to secure a place. When a parent brings you an eligibility code for 30 hours you will need to collect the following information from the parent:

- Child's full name and date of birth
- The 11 digit eligibility code
- The National Insurance number of the parent who made the application, or the National Insurance number of the partner included in the eligibility checking process
- The child's postcode

We will shortly be sending you a temporary code verifying form to enable you to record the codes and send them to the local authority for checking purposes.

