



30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE- WHAT IS IT??

What is the 3&4-Year-old Funding?

Each 3&4-year-old is entitled to 570 hours' free childcare over a 38-week period from the term after their third birthday, the way a Childcare provider delivers this is dependant at each setting. KidzRus Nursery offer the funding Term Time only which means the hours are free at point of delivery, additional charges may apply in relation to refreshment fees as the funding is an educational grant only. Any additional hours that parents wish their child to attend the nursery will be charged at the current daily rate and will be calculated termly to try and keep payments simple.

What is the 30 hours?

The Department of Education have issued new funding for working families to apply for 15 hours extra on top of the Universal 15 hours each 3&4-year-old child is entitled to. This is to begin in September 2017. KidzRus are working closely with the local authority on the best way to deliver this to all our parents.

Eligibility Criteria

- To qualify for the full 30 hours of free childcare, each parent (or the sole parent in a single parent family) will need to earn, on average, the equivalent of 16 hours on the national minimum wage per week (currently £107 per week), and no more than £100,000 per year. A family with an annual household income of £199,998 would be eligible if each parent earns just under £100,000. Self-employed parents and parents on zero-hours contracts will be eligible if they meet the average earnings threshold.
- Families where one parent is not in paid employment (or neither parent works) will usually not be eligible for these additional hours. Parents who are studying or in training will not be eligible unless this is combined with paid work which meets the minimum average earnings threshold.
- However, the government intends to make provision to support families where one parent is in receipt of benefits relating to caring responsibilities or has a disability and the other parent is working. It does not appear that single parents who are disabled or have substantial caring responsibilities will be eligible for the full entitlement, although this has not been officially confirmed.
- Eligibility will be checked by HMRC and will be based on actual income earned. There will be a short grace period so that if parents lose their jobs, they do not automatically lose their childcare entitlement. More details of how this will work have not yet been confirmed.
- Parents will be able to apply for both the 30-hour scheme and the Tax-Free Childcare scheme through a joint online application being developed by HMRC, as the eligibility requirements for both schemes are aligned.

What KidzRus Aim to do:

- Make available 30 hours of free childcare to eligible parents of three- and four-year-olds
- Be safe and of high quality provider
- Be deliverable for full roll-out from September 2017
- Be simple and flexible for parents to use and responsive to parents' working patterns where possible in meeting the demands of the nursery
- Respond to the needs of children with special educational needs and disabilities