

Holycroft Primary School
30 Hours Free Childcare Policy

From September 2017, Holycroft Primary School will offer 30 hours of provision in Nursery. This is a new entitlement for 3 and 4 year old children and is in addition to the 15 hours a week free early education place that is available to all 3 and 4 year olds. The 30 hour entitlement is available term time only.

To be entitled to 30 hours free childcare, one of the following criteria must be met:

- Parents must be working a minimum of 16 hours a week and earn at least £107 a week up to a maximum salary of £100,000 per parent in the household.
- Self employed parents and those on zero hours contracts will be eligible if they meet the above earnings criteria.
- One parent is employed and one parent is disabled or incapacitated and is in receipt of specific benefits.
- One parent is employed and one parent has substantial caring responsibilities and is in receipt of specific benefits.
- Both parents are employed, but one or both parents are temporarily away from the workplace on parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave.
- Both parents are employed, but one or both parents are away from the workplace on statutory sick pay.

How to apply

For up to date eligibility criteria and to apply for a 30 hours free childcare place, please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Successful applicants will be given an 11 digit eligibility code, which they will need to bring to the school office and a consent form will need to be signed by the parent.

Parents need to apply every term for their 30 hours place. Parents need to apply by 31 August for the Autumn term, 31 December for the Spring term and 31 March for the Summer term.

30 hours provision

The 30 hours of childcare will be available from 8.45 a.m. to 3.15 p.m. each day. You can drop your child off between 8.45 and 9.00 a.m. and collect your child between 3.00 and 3.15 p.m.

Lunch will be provided free of charge and this will be reviewed on a termly basis. If the school decides to charge for lunches, parents will be given 6 week's notice. Parents can also provide a packed lunch.

Milk will be provided during the morning session.

Fruit will be provided during both the morning and afternoon sessions.

An area will be provided during the afternoon session for children who require some quiet time. Children will receive the same level of teaching and care as 15 hours.

Children who are not eligible to receive 30 hours of free childcare, can still receive the 15 hours of childcare by attending either the morning or afternoon sessions. If these children want to attend both sessions there will be a charge. Children also have the option of taking the 15 hours over a mixture of full and half days.

Signed _____ Chair of Governors, December 2017