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### **3&4-year funding and 30hrs entitlement**

All 3&4-year olds are entitled to early years funding from the term after their third birthday. This equates to 570 hours per year, but is often advertised as '15 hours' funding. At Honeycroft we stretch this allocation across the weeks we are open to ensure as many of the hours can be used as possible, resulting in an offer of 12 hours per week for 47.5 weeks.

In addition, you might be eligible for the '30hrs' funding, which is an additional 15 hours of funding, amounting to a total of 1470 hours per year. Again we stretch this allowance to cover 24 hours per week for 47.5 weeks.

#### **To be eligible for 30 hours;**

- You, and any partner, must each expect to earn (on average) at least £125 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) approx. £6500 per year.
- If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible.
- You can't get 30 hours free childcare if either you, or your partner, each individually expect to earn £100,000 or more.
- Your child can start in their childcare place the term after they turn 3 years old and have received a valid 30 hours code, whichever is later. Term start dates are 1st September, 1st January and 1st April.
- To keep your 30 hours free childcare place you need to check your details are up to date every 3 months.

You must check your eligibility and apply for a special code which Honeycroft then needs to verify BEFORE we can confirm your funded hours. This can take a little bit of time, especially if you are self-employed, and we therefore suggest you check your eligibility and start the application process as soon as possible.

To find out if you are eligible go to [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) and set up an account and then follow the required steps.

If you need any further assistance or get stuck call the help line 0300 123 4097.

## How you can use your funded hours at Honeycroft

As outlined in our parent pack, we offer the following funded options depending on availability;

### Universal funding '15HRS' (up to 570 hrs per year) options -

- 2 x 6 hr days (9am to 3pm) for 47.5 weeks – *hot lunch is charged for each day*

OR

- 2 x morning sessions (9am to 12pm) and 2 x afternoon sessions (1pm to 4pm) for 47.5 weeks – *there is no charge for these sessions, however if you would like your child to stay for lunch (12pm to 1pm) then one hour and one hot lunch will be charged for each day as required*

### Universal and additional funding '30HRS' (up to 1140 hrs per year) options -

- 4 x 6 hr days (9am to 3pm) for 47.5 weeks – *hot lunch charged for each day*

OR

- 5 x afternoon sessions (1 x 1pm to 5pm and 4 x 1pm to 6pm) for 47.5 weeks – *there is no charge for these sessions, however if you would like your child to stay for lunch (12pm to 1pm) then one hour and one hot lunch will be charged for each day as required*

Please note, any additional hours required outside of these times is charged at our advertised rate and places can only be given where there is availability. All other terms and conditions apply as per your parent contract.

Honeycroft is open for 49 weeks of the year and therefore there is a deficit of one and a half weeks during the summer term which, as per our terms and conditions, **is chargeable to all parent/s regardless of when your child started or became eligible for funding.** This will be billed to parents at the start of August. Alternatively, we will give parents the option of giving notice on their child's place and then re-registering them to start again in September if they do not want to attend and pay for the additional week and a half. However, this will come with a new enrolment fee.