

## **Full time Nursery place- 30 hours free childcare:**

For a full time place, you can choose to add on from Trafford's universal, 15 hour childcare funding by paying for an additional 15 hours at a cost of £4.50 per hour. **You may also qualify for 30 hours free childcare:**

### **About 30 hours free childcare:**

Working parents may be entitled to an extra 15 hours per week of free childcare for their 3 or 4 year old child. This is in addition to the 15 free hours that all children already receive. The additional hours will be provided by day nurseries, childminders, pre-school playgroups, school nursery classes and out of school clubs.

### **Eligibility**

3 and 4 year old children are eligible for 30 hours free childcare where their household meets the following eligibility criteria:

- both parents are working or one parent is working in lone parent families. This is defined as earning the equivalent of 16 hours per week on national minimum wage/national living wage, but less than £100,000 per year. This applies for self-employed and zero hour contracts.
- both parents are employed but one or both of them are temporarily away from the workplace on parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave.
- both parents are employed but one or both of them are temporarily away from the workplace on statutory sick pay.
- one parent is employed and one parent has substantial caring responsibilities based on specific benefits received for caring.
- one parent is employed and one parent is disabled or incapacitated based on specific benefits.
- If your [working pattern has changed because of coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#), you may still be able to get 30 hours free childcare.

30 hours free childcare can be claimed by eligible families alongside tax credits, universal credit, tax-free childcare and other schemes to help pay for any additional childcare.

See Trafford councils website for more details on eligibility criteria and link to apply.

## How to apply:

### Step 1 – get your eligibility code

Apply for your 30 hours eligibility code using the government's [childcare service](#). (link through Trafford council website or [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)). If you are eligible, you will be provided with an 11 digit code. There is a deadline for obtaining your eligibility code depending on which term you want the funding to start:

- 31 March for funding starting in April (summer term)
- 31 August for funding starting in September (autumn term)
- 31 December for funding starting in January (spring term)

**You need to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months.**

### Step 2 – take the code to your provider to secure your place

**Take the eligibility code to your provider, along with your national insurance number and the national insurance number of your partner if you have one.** Your provider will check that the code is valid and then will offer you a 30-hour place.

### When to apply

You can apply from when your child is 2 years and 36 weeks old.

When your child turns 3	When they can get 30 hours from	Recommended time to apply
1 September to 31 December	1 January	15 October to 30 November
1 January to 31 March	1 April	15 January to 28 February
1 April to 31 August	1 September	15 June to 31 July

You can apply outside of these recommended dates but you might not receive your code in time.

You must have a valid code by the end of the month before a new term starts. **You have to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months.** If you apply more than 3 months before the term starts, you'll have to reconfirm your eligibility in your account in order to keep your code valid.

