



BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

FAQ about the 30 hours Offer

Q: My child is going to turn 3 next year. How soon can I access the 30 hours?

A: Your child will be eligible for the 30 hours offer from the term after they turn 3, or the term after you receive your eligibility code – whichever is later.

For example, if your child turns 3 on 25 March and you apply for the 30 hours on 27 March, your child will be eligible for a place from 1 April (the start of the Spring term) but if you don't apply until 5 April then your child won't be eligible until 1st September.

Q: If I am not eligible for the 30 hour offer, can I still get my 15 hours?

A: Yes, the 15 hour offer is universal so if you're not eligible for 30 hours then you will still be eligible for the 15 hours.

Q: What happens if I become ineligible for the offer ie. I lose my job?

A: If you no longer meet the eligibility criteria your child's 30 hour place will continue to be funded for a "grace period". You should discuss this with your provider if and when you lose your eligibility. How long the grace period will last depends on when you become ineligible for the offer and how long is left of the current term. Once the grace period has expired you will still be eligible for the 15 hour funded childcare. If you are taking up your 30 hours at two separate providers you can decide at which one you want to continue using your 15 hours.

More information on this can be found on the government's Childcare Choices Website – www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.