



Victoria C of E Infant and Nursery School

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are very pleased to announce that we will be taking part in the 30 hours free childcare initiative which is being introduced by the Government in September 2017.

You may be eligible for the free hours if:

- You earn, or expect to earn, the equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum or Living Wage over the coming three months
This equates to £120/week (or approximately £6,000/year) for each parent over 25 years old of £112.80/week (or approximately £5,800/year) for each parent between 21 and 24 years old.
This applies whether you are in paid employment, self-employment or on zero hours contract.
- The parent (and their partner where applicable) should be seeking the free childcare to enable them to work.
- Where one or both parents are on maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave, or if they are on statutory sick leave.
- Where one parent meets the income criteria and the other is unable to work because they are disabled, have caring responsibilities or have been assessed as having limited capability to work.
- Where a parent is in a 'start-up period' (ie they are newly self-employed) they do not need to demonstrate that they meet the criteria for 12 months.
- If a non-EEA national, the parent must have recourse to public funds.

A parent will not meet the criteria when:

- Either parent has an income of more than £100,000
- Either parent is a non-EEA national and subject to immigration control (and has no recourse to public funds)

At Victoria School, the morning sessions (from 8.30am to 11.30am) will be compulsory for all children, the afternoon session (until 3pm) will be available as part of the 30 hours free childcare. All the sessions will be taught by a qualified teacher and the children will be following the EYFS curriculum.

Any parent who does not qualify for the 30 hours will be able to purchase extra provision as required.

Victoria School also has an After School Club from 3pm until 6pm and is open to all Victoria School children on first come, first served basis and not available under the 30 hours provision.

For further up to date information please regularly check www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parents

Please contact the School Office if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher