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Dear Parents

We have received some information from Kirklees Council regarding the 30 hours and tax-free childcare which may be useful to you. The first section is for those of you who are already taking up the offer of 30 hours' childcare. The second section may be of interest to those of you who have not yet applied and are thinking of increasing your hours and taking up the offer of 30 hours – we do have places available if you need them.

30 HOURS AND TAX-FREE CHILDCARE – current claimants



Parents reconfirming eligibility

Every three months, parents are required to reconfirm that they remain eligible for 30 hours and Tax-Free Childcare. HMRC will send reminders to parents to reconfirm (4 weeks and 2 weeks before their reconfirmation deadline).

WE HAVE BEEN MADE AWARE THAT, IN SOME CASES, HMRC ARE FAILING TO REMIND PARENTS TO RECONFIRM – THEREFORE, WE URGE YOU TO LOG INTO YOUR CHILDCARE ACCOUNT TO RECONFIRM ELIGIBILITY

Please remember:

- You should make a note of your reconfirmation date rather than relying on a reminder from HMRC
- It is essential that you reconfirm eligibility **before** your code expires
- If you change your mobile number or email address you must let the Government's Childcare Service know www.childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk
- If you fail to reconfirm, their 30 hours of free childcare **WILL STOP**

If you miss the reconfirmation deadline, you will receive a message telling them that you are no longer eligible for 30 hours and Tax-Free Childcare (if applicable). To take up a place in January, you will need to reconfirm. You are able to do this through their childcare service account, even if you have missed your reconfirmation deadline.



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Apply now for a place in the Spring term – new claimants

If you would like to apply for the 30 hours and Tax-free childcare for next term (January 2018) you can apply **now** www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. The ideal time to apply are listed in the table below.

Ideal time to apply	Parent receives code <u>and</u> child's 3rd birthday falls between:	Their free 30 hour place can start from the beginning of the:
January	1 January - 31 March	Summer term (April)
June	1 April - 31 August	Autumn term (early September)
October	1 September - 31 December	Spring term (early January)

You can apply here www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or, if you need help to apply you can call the HMRC Customer Interaction Centre [0300 123 4097](tel:03001234097).

- You can take all or part of their funded place and it can be taken at different types of provision; private day nurseries, pre-schools, playgroups, childminders, out of school clubs, holiday schemes and nursery classes in maintained schools, academies, independent schools and free schools.

If you need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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