



**From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 the Government are doubling the amount of free childcare from 15 to 30 hours**

**ALL** three and four year olds are already entitled to 15 hours a week of free childcare but if eligible this can be extended to 30 hrs for your child but it depends on your working income, e.g. if you earn at least the equivalent of 16 hours a week at National Minimum or Living Wage.

(for full details for meeting the eligibility please visit :  
[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/615804/30\\_hours\\_free\\_childcare.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/615804/30_hours_free_childcare.pdf)

**How to find out if my family can get the additional 15 hours?**

- Visit the government’s [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) website.
- If successful you will get a code (number)
- Please give this code to your school, with your child’s birth certificate & proof of address

**IF ELIGIBLE YOU MUST REGISTER AND GET YOUR CODE BEFORE YOUR CHILD’S START DATE,**  
 (i.e. for September 17 start - please ensure you give this code to your school before the end of the Summer Term)  
 (see guide below)

<b>For children who turn 3 between</b>	<b>..... the free childcare starts from</b>
<b>1 April to 31 August</b>	<b>September (Autumn Term)</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sept to 31 December</b>	<b>January (Spring Term)</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> January – 31 March</b>	<b>April (Summer Term)</b>

**The above is intended to inform parents of eligibility and the importance of timely registration – for accessibility to Nursery provision and hours please contact the school(s) below :-**



**Barnby & North Cove CP School**  
 Beccles Road Barnby Beccles Suffolk NR34  
 Telephone: 01502 476230  
 E-mail: [office@barnbynorthcove.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@barnbynorthcove.suffolk.sch.uk)

If you have problems applying or can't access the internet, phone the government's helpline on **0300 123 4097.**

**(Note : On this website you can also be assessed for Tax Free Childcare which is a separate Government scheme – see information overleaf)**



## TAX FREE CHILDCARE

This is a separate scheme to the '30 hours free childcare' and is available to help with the cost of childcare, enabling more parents to go out to work, if they wish to.

This service has been gradually rolled out from April and will be available for under fours from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, (but is also available to parents with children under 12 years)

To check your eligibility & register visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) (which is the same website as the 30 hours free childcare)

Ten things to know about Tax-Free Childcare :-

- You will be able to open an online account, which you can pay into to cover the cost of childcare with a registered provider
- For every 80p paid in the government will top up an extra 20p
- The scheme will be available for children under age of 12
- To qualify parents will have to be in work, and each earning at least £120 a week and not more than £100,000 each per year
- Any eligible working family can use the Tax-Free Childcare Scheme – it does not rely on employers offering it
- The scheme will be available for parents who are self-employed
- If you currently receive Employer-Supported Childcare then you can continue to do so
- Parents and others can pay money into their childcare account as and when they like
- The process will be as simple as possible for parents
- You will be able to withdraw money from the account if you want to

(for more detail information please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/tax-free-childcare-10-things-parents-should-know>)