

**30 Hour Extended Child Care**  
**Information for Parents & Carers**



The government proposed that from September 2017, children of eligible working parents will be entitled to an additional 15 hours of free child care. Places can be accessed from the start of the school term after a child's third birthday until statutory school age.

The new entitlement to 30 hours' free child care is intended to support working parents with the cost of childcare and enable them, where they wish, to return to work or to work additional hours.

**Eligibility Criteria**

Both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family)

Each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national

minimum wage or national living wage

And less than £100,000 per year

Foster carers are not eligible for the extended entitlement for the children they foster.

Working includes employed persons, self-employed persons and parents on zero hours' contracts who meet the criteria.

**Where can I use it?**

At our school nursery your child is entitled to a 15-hour nursery place (am or pm).

In addition to this, you may choose to select another provider for the additional 15 hours you may be entitled to. This allows you to build a unique child care package to suit your family's needs.

We aim to work closely with other providers to help provide a smooth transition between provision.

There are several options available to you;

## School nursery classes (15 hours at St. Columba's)

### Additional free 15 hours

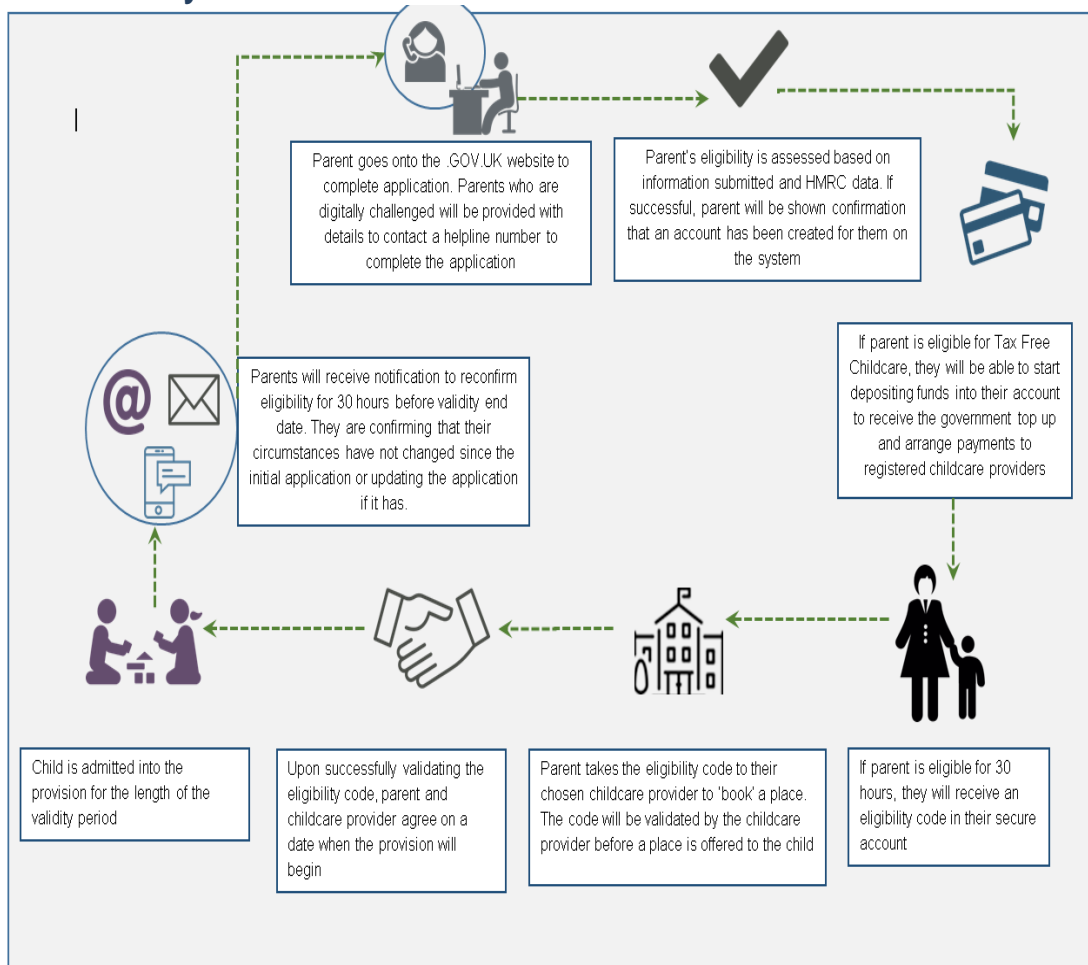
Private Day Nurseries

Pre-school playgroups

Childminders

You can split the FREE childcare (additional 15 hours) between 2 childcare providers but you must inform both childcare providers of your intention to do this. See steps below.

### Parent Journey for 30 Hours'





### Providers available in Wallsend



Childminders who are currently Ofsted registered –please follow this link

<https://www.childcare.co.uk/search/Childminder/NE28+8EN/Ofsted-Registered>

**Other providers St. Columba's are linked with:**

Wallsend Day Nursery

Ferndale Avenue,

Wallsend

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8.00am-6pm