



Aston Lodge Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As of September 2020 Aston Lodge Primary School will be offering the **30 hours' free childcare** per week for 38 weeks of the year which equates to up to 1140 hours over a year. This is under the Government Initiative for working families with three and four year olds. Currently we provide 15-hour universal entitlement provision for all of our three and four year olds before they access mainstream schooling. Therefore, we are offering an increase of 15 **additional free childcare** hours which is known as 'extended entitlement' if you meet the criteria.

It is our intention at Aston Lodge Primary School to offer 30 hour places for eligible children from September 2020. The model that we will be offering is:

- ☐ 8.45am to 3.15pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
- ☐ You will be given the option for your child to bring a packed lunch or to pay for a school dinner. There will be a small cost for providing a school dinner as well as for additional lunchtime supervision outside of the 30 hours, as detailed below:

Option One:

- ☐ Meal and drinks provided by school (including supervision) - £3 per day; £15 per week.

Option Two:

- ☐ Packed lunch sent in from home (including supervision) - £1 per day; £5 per week.

Your child will be eligible for the additional 15 hours' free childcare if:

- ☐ You are working parents, this includes employed, self-employed and workers on a zero hour's contract.



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Email: office@astonlodgeprimary.org

To apply for the additional 15 hours of free childcare from September 2020 families need to meet all the following criteria:

- ☐ Each parent earns less than £100,000 per year.
- ☐ Both parents are working 16 hours a week (in a single parent family the sole parent must work).
- ☐ Each parent works at least 16 hours a week or earns on average a weekly minimum amount that is equivalent to 16 hours a week at either the National Minimum Wage or National Living Wage (on average £115 a week).

There are exceptions to both parents having to work. Families where one parent does not work (or neither parent works) will not usually be entitled to the additional 15 hours of free childcare; however, they will be eligible where:

- ☐ Both parents are employed but one (or both parents) is temporarily away from the workplace on: parental, maternity or paternity leave; adoption leave; or on statutory sick pay.
- ☐ One parent is employed and one parent: has substantial caring responsibilities based on specific benefits received for caring or is disabled or incapacitated based on receipt of specific benefits.

If your child fits the criteria, your child can access their place from the start of the school term after your child's third birthday.

When to apply

You can apply from when your child is 2 years and 36 weeks old.

When your child turns 3	When they can get 30 hours from	Recommended time to apply
1 September to 31 December	1 January	15 October to 30 November
1 January to 31 March	1 April	15 January to 28 February
1 April to 31 August	1 September	15 June to 31 July

If you go to the following website <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare> you can check your eligibility and how you can receive a code for your child's funding. **This is just for accessing 30 hours free funding. Each child will automatically get 15 hours free funding.**

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact school on the email or telephone number listed above.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs S. Cronin

Headteacher



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