

## \*\*Important Information re: 15 & 30 Hour Funding\*\*

Dear Parents and Carers,

The government is introducing new ways to help parents with childcare costs. Whether you have toddlers or teens, you could get support.

Age 3-4 <sub>years</sub>	15hrs Universal Funding	All parents
	30hrs Extended	Working Families

Age	15hrs Universal Funding	Families receiving some forms of additional
2		government support
years	15hrs Universal Funding	Working Families (from Apr 24)
	30hrs Extended	Working Families (from Sep 25)

Follow this link which takes you through what you could be entitled to:

https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/

## THE PRESCHOOL CANNOT DO THIS FOR YOU

If you as a parent/carer needs support in making your check, HMRC have a dedicated helpline at 0300 123 4097.

Application process will take approximately 20 minutes. Note that when parents/carers are checking for the first time, the 15hrs or 30hrs check must be made **before** the start of a funding block. See table below for guidelines only.

Funding Blocks	For application start process	Deadline for obtaining 15hrs or 30hrs Funding DERN code
1 <sup>st</sup> Sept - 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	June/July	31 <sup>st</sup> August
1 <sup>st</sup> Jan - 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Oct/Nov	31 <sup>st</sup> December
1 April - 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	Feb/Mar	31 <sup>st</sup> March

We suggest you make your application sooner rather than later, as HMRC can get quite busy leading up to the deadline dates. The process is not always straightforward for all parents so you may find that delays will occur. If a DERN code is obtained **after** the deadline, the funding cannot be taken up until the start of the next block i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> January or 1<sup>st</sup> April depending on when you are applying.

Upon successful application you will be provided with a DERN code (Dept of Education Reference Number). Ensure that it is eligible from on or before  $31^{st}$  of the month before funding is to commence e.g for September start, code must be eligible from on or before  $31^{st}$  August. Please fill in the table below and hand in to the preschool.

The HMRC online eligibility checker for parents/carers to check their 30 hours eligibility can be found at:



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https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow

Kind regards

Suki Pooni Administrator

Please return to the preschool as soon as possible.

Child's Name:	
The 11 digit DERN code:	
Child's Date of Birth:	
National Insurance No.	
(of the parent/carer who completed the	
HMRC eligibility check )	
Hours you are sharing with another setting/childminder?	
Setting/Childminder's Name & Contact Details:	