

From September 2017, the process for applying for a nursery place has changed. All 3-4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours free nursery education.

Government Enhanced 15 hours education

Families that meet the criteria set out below will be entitled to a further 15 hours. The criteria are:

- both parents, or the sole parent in a one parent family, must be working
- each parent must have a weekly minimum income equivalent to 16 hours at the national minimum wage or living wage, and
- neither parent must have income of more than £100,000 per year

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>

You will be told if you are eligible.

If you are eligible, you will receive an 11-digit code. Please print this off and take it to the school. You can then complete an application form. Once you bring your 11 digit code to the school, our Head of Early years will explain how you check your ongoing eligibility.

Camden Enhanced 15 hour's education

In some cases, families will not qualify for the full 30 hours government offer but may qualify for the Camden Enhanced Offer. The criteria is set out below:

To be eligible for the Camden Enhanced Offer you must:

- Be a resident in Camden
- Not be eligible for the Government 30 hours for working parents

Or you must meet one of the following criteria:

- Your family meets the criteria for free school meals (see: camden.gov.uk/fsm)
- Your family receives working tax credits and your household income is less than £16,190
- Your child is being 'looked after' by the local authority or is a child who has 'left care'*
- Your child has a statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care plan*
- You receive disability living allowance for your child*
- You receive support from the National Asylum Support Service (NASS) through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act

Find more information on the Camden website:

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