



BEECHWOOD SCHOOL

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Free Early Education for 3 and 4 year old children

From September 2017, the Government have extended the Free Early Education to 30 hours but the provider is entitled to offer any number of hours between 15 hours (the present level) and 30 hours. Beechwood School has opted to continue to provide only 15 hours a week under the scheme. The additional 15 hours can be claimed at another setting which offer the full 30 hours free early education.

Beechwood School offers three different patterns of delivery for the Free Early Education as follows:

- | The Pre-School morning session begins at 8:30am and finish at 1pm. For eligible children, 3 hours of Free Early Education will be applied for each morning they attend, and the additional time will be paid for by the parents. Children attending morning only sessions should be collected at 1pm when the session ends.
- | A full day in the Pre-School starts at 8:30am and finishes at 3:30pm. For eligible children, 6 hours of Free Early Education will be applied for each full day they attend, and the additional time will be paid for by the parents. Children should be collected at 3:30pm when the day finishes. After School Care is available, and charged separately.
- | If parents of eligible children only want to access their Free Early Education, sessions are available each afternoon from 2pm - 5pm. Parents must collect their child promptly at 5pm. If the afternoon session in Pre-School is already full, we may not be able to offer the full 15 hour entitlement and you may need to join a waiting list until space becomes available.

Information regarding a child's sessions at the Pre-School have to be sent to Kent County Council at the beginning of each term and parents must ensure that they have returned the Parental Declaration form to the Accounts Office so that the free early education claim can be made.

It should be noted that once the claim has been sent to KCC, usually within 4 weeks of the start of term, it cannot be changed until the following term; so if a child increases their hours during the term or starts at half term no change in entitlement will be given until the following term.

If you have any queries on this please do not hesitate to contact the Accounts Department on finance@beechwood.org.uk or on 01892 532747 Ext 8614.