

# WE ARE CARING.



# FREE CHILDCARE FOR 3-4 YEAR OLDS

### **Attention working parents**

Free childcare has been doubled to 30 hours per week for eligible 3 and 4 year olds.

30 Hours is a childcare scheme designed to help working parents with their childcare costs, as well as helping many other parents get back into work.

To check if you are eligible, please see overleaf for the qualifying criteria.

www.newham.gov.uk/30freehours

# **AM I ELIGIBLE?**

Your child will qualify for a free place if both parents in a two parent family are working (or in a sole parent family, the lone parent must be working) and each parent on average earns:

- a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage (NMW) or National Living Wage (NLW)
- less than £100,000 per year.

If you cannot work, you may still be eligible if your partner works and you access a qualifying disability or carers benefit.

## **HOW CAN I APPLY?**

If you think you are eligible, you will be able to apply for your place via www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

You will be able to find local information and lists of participating providers in **Newham at www.newham.gov.uk/30freehours** 

## WHEN IS MY CHILD ENTITLED TO A FREE PLACE?

If your child's 3rd birthday is between the following we recommend you apply in this period:	He/she will become entitled to their free 30 Hours place from:
1 January – 31 March	the start of the summer term (after Easter)
1 April – 31 August	the start of the autumn term (early September)
1 September – 31 December	the start of the sping term (early January)

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