

30 Hours Free Childcare

Gorsemoor Primary School

15th May 2017



- From September 2017, you may be eligible to receive the new Government 30 hours free childcare scheme.

What does it offer?

- An extra 15 hours free childcare, on top of the 15 hours already provided by the school nursery.

Does it apply to you?

- It applies to children who will be three on 31st August 2017. The scheme is available for parents who earn, on average £120 a week, which is the equivalent of 16 hours on the National Minimum or Living Wage.



What does it look like at Gorsemoor?

- Your child will either be offered a morning or afternoon nursery place at Gorsemoor. These sessions will be 9.00-12.00 or 12.30-3.30.
- If you are eligible for the extra 15 hours free childcare, this can be provided by our partner nursery at St John's Church Hall or the registered child minders who are linked to our school.



- If you are eligible and you choose to take up the extra hours at St John's Nursery, then these will be provided as daily sessions of 3 hours which are likely to be an afternoon place. Your child would therefore attend Gorsemoor Nursery in a morning.
- Children will be walked between the two sites by members of qualified staff.
- You will be asked to provide a packed lunch for your child to eat at St John's once they arrive there.
- If this is your preference then you will be able to contact St John's, with your code, once you have been allocated a place by us.



- You may prefer for your child to take up their extra childcare with a childminder. We have a strong link with registered childminder Emma Bridgewater, who already cares for children in this school and has done for many years. She will be your point of contact, who will liaise with other registered childminders. This may be a better option for you if you need more flexibility with your childcare.
- If this is your preference then you will be able to contact Emma, with your code, once you have been allocated a place by us.



- The benefit of choosing to take up your child's extra childcare with St John's or our link childminders is that our settings will be working closely together to ensure continuity of learning.
- However, you may want to set up your extra childcare with a different provider, in which case it will be up to you to contact them with your code to organise this.
- **Please remember that once your morning or afternoon place has been allocated at Gorsemoor, then it is your responsibility to contact your chosen provision with your eligibility code.**



*In your invitation letter for this evening you were asked to fill in a form with your preferences. If you have not already done this, or handed it in to a member of staff, please can you ensure you do this before you leave this evening.

*If you have not visited the Government website to find out your eligibility for this initiative, this must be done ASAP and your preferences returned to us by Friday 19th May.



- We will begin the process of allocating places on Monday 22nd May. If we have not heard from you by this date, we will assume that you are:
 - either not eligible
 - are arranging childcare separately
 - have no preferences with regards to a morning or afternoon place at Gorsemoor
 - have no preference whether your extra 15 hours child care is at St John's or with a registered childminder.



- We will send you a letter, which you will receive no later than, Tuesday 30th May.
- This will state your allocation of morning or afternoon nursery place at Gorsemoor.
- You will then be able to contact your choice of either St John's, Emma Bridgewater or other providers (chosen and organised by yourself) from:

Monday 5th June with your eligibility code.

- Please ensure you have received your letter from us before attempting to arrange your further provision. You can of course contact all providers at any time for further information however your place will not be confirmed before the date above.



St John's Nursery

- They will be offering 3-hourly sessions per day.
- You can choose whether to take up your full entitlement of five sessions or can choose 1, 2, 3, 4 days. However, if you choose to have less than the full five sessions you may not be able to up this later on in the year. Therefore, we recommend that you take the full five sessions even if you do not feel that you need them.
- St John's are happy for you to visit them at any time between 9am and 3pm daily, if you would like to look around or have any questions.
- Contact number – 01543 450740



Farlea Childcare

- Farlea Childcare provide before and after school care at Gorsemoor Primary School.
- Breakfast club operates from 7.30am to 8.50am when children are taken to the playground .
- After-school club is from 3.30pm to 6pm.
- Prices vary – see Gorsemoor website for more information.
- You may be able to use this service within your 30 hours instead of St John's, a childminders or a setting of your choice.
- If you would prefer to choose St John's, a childminder or a provision of you choice, then you can pay for Farlea's as wraparound care.
- Contact number - 07752 453154



30 hours childcare meeting signing in sheet

Please state below which setting you would prefer your child to attend for their extra 15 hours childcare. This will have an influence on your allocation in our nursery.

Childs name and contact telephone number	St Johns/Childminder/outside provider/Unknown - I will provide this information by Friday 19 th May



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Thank you for taking the time to come this evening. Please could you now fill in the form shown on the previous slide. We are available to answer any of your queries.

