

## Tax Free Childcare 30 Hour Funding

The government is introducing new ways to help parents with childcare costs. Parents with the youngest children first are being invited to apply for tax free childcare and 30 hour funding via: [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

### Tax Free Childcare

This is a new way of making savings on and paying for your childcare – all Elmscot settings are registered to accept payments via this method.

For every £8 you pay into your online account, the government will add in an extra £2, up to £2000 per child per year (£4000 for disabled children).

However, you can't use tax free childcare at the same time as Childcare Vouchers, Universal Credit, or tax credits. There are online calculators to help you decide which scheme would be best for your family.

But, you **can** use it in conjunction with 15 or 30hour funding to maximise savings.

### 30 hour funding

As you will be aware, the government have introduced a new scheme through which working families may be entitled to 30hours of funding for 3-4 year olds, rather than the 15hours currently offered.

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Free extra-curricular sessions run by specialist professionals

	Woodlands, Monday (2-3s) (Otter) AM	At diddi dance we encourage endless enthusiasm and energy in an action packed, 45 minute dance class.
	Broussa Thursday AM (0-2s) Woodlands- Tues AM (0-2s) Hale Thurs AM (0-2)	Jittabugs explore the baby's senses including touch, vision, sound and smell using bubbles, mirrors, scarves, feathers, parachutes, balls, fabrics, puppets, musical instruments & more.
	Elmscot, Friday AM (Willow), Tues PM (Maple) Hale	Pyjama Drama provides unique drama based classes for babies, toddlers and young children.
	Broussa- Tues PM Hale- Fri AM (2-5s) Elmscot- Weds PM (Beech) Woodlands- Tues PM	At Stretch 'n' Grow, children learn about how their bodies work, whilst joining in fun physical activities.
	Elmscot, Tues PM (Oak)	Tricks & Flicks sessions are aimed to develop children's co-ordination, awareness and skills such as dribbling, control passing and shooting.
	Broussa, Fri AM Hale, Tues PM Woodlands, Weds AM (3-5s) Elmscot Weds AM	Children, parents and staff walk to the designated woodland site where they will get creative with mud, hunt for bears, imaginative play with elves and fairies, making music in the forest and getting to grips with puddles, creepy crawlies and the great outdoors.

We have sent an e-bulletin to parents detailing how this will affect Elmscot pre-school children, and will be sending out packs shortly. If you have any queries please contact the Finance Department on 0161 980 0003.

Here's the small print! These schemes are for working families, including the self-employed, in the UK with children under 12 (or under 17 if disabled). You, and any partner, must **each** expect to earn at least £120 per week on average, and less than £100k per year. There are further eligibility criteria detailed at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

## team training

Members of the Nursery teams have attended the following training since March 2017:

©**Equality & Diversity:** All Woodlands & Broussa staff, Chloe C, Olivia B, Jade R, Samantha H, Michelle Mc, Jenny S, Nicola G, Jonna R.

©**Prevent Duty:** Becky G, Jenny C, Sandra M, Janis S, Sue C, Louisa B, Alison M, Lottie F, Natalie Mc, Robyn C, Clare G, Andrea MdS, Siobhan C

©**Supporting Speech, Language & Communication Needs:** Ami, Jean C, Frances J

©**Food Hygiene:** Amy, Rachael, Louis B, Janty L, Caitlin J

©**Safeguarding:** Joanna R, Olivia B

©**Planning in the Moment:** Lyndsey B

©**Induction Night:** Ramona, Sara, Amy, Gohar, Elizabeth

©**Safer Working Practices:** Claudia, Ramona, Leah, Georgina, Terri

©**First Aid:** Sue C, Daisy Leigh F, Holly R, Michelle Mc, Nicola G, Katherine H, Katie C, Claire H, Chelsea T, Jean C, Rebecca H

All Elmscot staff are committed to attending the most current training available and regularly participate in refresher training. This ensures our nursery practitioners are highly skilled and allows us to provide outstanding childcare and education.



# Teachers at Elmscot



Although not an Ofsted requirement, Elmscot Group employ qualified graduate teachers who work with the pre-school teams to support children's learning across the Early Years Foundation Stage and prepare them for Reception. Our teachers are extra to the statutory adult:child ratio of 1:8 (1:16 in a school nursery), which allows them to give more individual attention to each child.

The teachers work closely with practitioners to assess children's learning and understand their interests; then using the EYFS structure deliver rich and balanced learning activities best suited to each child. They follow children's individual needs in order to provide a stimulating and challenging environment for them, with a strong focus on developing children's independence, confidence and social skills, necessary for the school environment.

Our teachers start the day's routine with a short circle time session, focussing on Phase 1 Phonics, Communication and Language. Using a play-based approach to learning, teachers encourage children to develop their skills and enhance their understanding as they spend time with each child, tailoring an activity to each child. At the end of the day, the teachers celebrate the children's achievements and share work such as story scribing and junk modelling. Teachers and practitioners assess the children's progress on a weekly basis to enable further planning.

The teacher's role is crucial in getting the children 'school ready', and the best transition includes families and schools. Elmscot's planned transition process, regularly praised by local schools, aims to

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## forthcoming events

©**World Ocean's Day - 8th June - All settings**  
Children will spend time looking at sea creatures and take part in lots of water/ice based activities.

©**Father's Day - 19th June - All settings**  
Dads are invited into nursery for a breakfast barm to enjoy with the children.

©**Dental Playbox - 21 June - Broussa & Woodlands, 22 June - Hale & Elmscot**  
A fun workshop to reinforce good habits and learn about why we clean our teeth!

©**Eid al-Fitr - 25th June - All settings**  
To celebrate the end of Ramadan, the children will be celebrating with a feast and learn all about the festival

©**The Fourth of July - All settings**  
Children are invited to wear red, white & blue to nursery, they will learn about America and the President, decorate their own flags, make their own fruit pancakes and have a BBQ style tea.

©**Graduation Day - Woodlands Tuesday 11th July, Hale Thursday 13th July, Elmscot Friday 14th July Broussa Tuesday 18th July.** Posters will be displayed with specific times in individual nursery settings

©**Sports Day - Elmscot 6th July, Broussa 11th July, Hale & Woodlands 20th July.** More details at each nursery.

©**National Friendship Day - 31st July - All settings**  
Children will draw portraits of their friends and make friendship bracelets

©**Uniform to School - 19th & 22nd June Elmscot, 13th July Broussa, 6th July Hale and Woodlands - Children starting Reception in September are invited to wear their new school uniforms to nursery!**

©**Summer Beach Day - 16th August - All settings**  
Children will enjoy a garden party with paddling pools, mocktails and Ice creams! Fingers crossed for sunshine!

familiarise children with the new school, its routines and encourages independence, enabling children to feel more confident in the bigger, busier environment: we want children to enjoy school and their future learning.



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Quarterly update for parents at Broussa, Elmscot, Hale and Woodlands

# Our Nursery Gallery...



Delphine, Azara and Ben watering the strawberry boats in the allotment at Hale



Isabella exploring the frozen fruit in Willow room at Elmscot



Layla enjoying her role play as a doctor at Woodlands. The Hedgehog room were enacting nursery rhymes, in particular 'Miss Polly had a dolly'



Daniel exploring citrus fruits in the Willow room at Elmscot



Harvey mixing paints at Hale

Children from Broussa's Owls help Barnaby's grandparents with the gardening in the allotment

Pearse, Beau and Bayley made their own ramps at Broussa to explore speed



Marco from Hale is using tweezers to pick up small objects, strengthening his fine motor skills



Lilah and Camilla feeding the baby spaghetti at Hale



Blake enjoying Woodlands' Easter Bonnet parade



Kit sat in the tent he made with his friends at Hale



Johnny explores sensory water play with citrus, fruits and herbs at Broussa



Theodore and Matilda at Elmscot watching Maple's new pet fish swimming around!



Sophie & Joshua from Woodlands enjoying a park outing



Olivia from Woodlands on a Forest School session on a 'bug hunt'



Fleur and Jack work together to construct a tower at Broussa



## Nursery Development

Congratulations to Broussa on achieving the Trafford 'Healthy Setting Award' in Spring which celebrates the setting's approach to supporting children and families in leading healthy lifestyles. The nursery has also seen development of the outdoor learning environment with the addition of our new chickens and guinea pigs, which are very much loved by the children. Our sand and water resources, the woodwork activities and large tent in the outdoor nature area have also been developed. New resources for our Squirrels room were purchased including new role play materials, dressing up tabards, musical instruments, new sand and water resources including a new display unit to make it easier for children to select resources to enhance their play. The children are also enjoying the large cosy cushions in the book area to make it more inviting.

Elmscot's current garden development will create a new baby garden, an enchanted/natural area and new resources for the canopy area.

Woodlands' garden, at the time of going to press, has seen a £20k investment in new surfacing and rearrangement of play areas in the garden. We can wait to see the finished result!

**Finally, a BIG thank you to all parents who helped the Elmscot Group raise over £1200 at Easter for Francis House by buying the crocheted chicks!**



## HOLIDAY CLUBS

Outstanding childcare for children aged 3-11 (formerly School's Out)

Summer 2017: 17th July - 1st September

 Altrincham Preparatory School, Bowdon  
Bollin Primary School, Bowdon  
Cloverlea Primary School, Timperley

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