



**Working parents with rural addresses could be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare for their 3 or 4 year old!**

**Applications will open on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February. There are a limited amount of places remaining for the term which begins 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Places will be offered on a first come first served basis linked to date and time of application. Applying and proving eligibility does not guarantee you will be able to access a place.**

**Checking eligibility is very easy; all you need to do is...**

**Ensure you meet the national economic eligibility criteria** - families where both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone-parent family) and each parent earns the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the national minimum or living wage and earns less than £100,000 a year. For further guidance visit <https://goo.gl/RuxVQ0>

**Ensure you meet the local rural address criteria** - Visit [www.northumberland.gov.uk](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk) and type your post code into **My Place** (top right hand side of the home page) and click the Schools and Education subheading.

**Please note:** The schools that will be displayed are your catchment area schools, a full list of providers that deliver the entitlement, can be found at <https://goo.gl/RuxVQ0>

**If you are eligible by address.....**

You will be given access to submit an application and declaration form. This **MUST** be submitted by **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017**.

**What will happen next.....**

You will be contacted via email by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017** with regards to the success of your application and if appropriate details of any evidence of your eligibility we may require.

If you require support please don't hesitate to contact Northumberland Families Information Service on 0800 023 4440 or 01670 623563.