



Early Years Funding

Eligible parents of children in England aged nine months to school age will receive between 15 and 30 hours a week of funded childcare term time. Childbase Partnership offer the funded entitlements stretched across the year rather than term time.

Childcare support is being provided via three schemes.

1. 9 month - 4 years old for eligible working families
2. Two-year-old children if the parent receives some additional forms of government support.
3. Universal 3- & 4-year-old, available for all parents

They are being introduced gradually, as described in the table below. Hours are shown as stretched.

	3-4-year-olds	2-year-olds	9-23 months
From April 2024	11 hours OR 22 hours if eligible	11 hours if eligible	None
From September 2024	11 hours OR 22 hours if eligible	11 hours if eligible	11 hours if eligible
From September 2025	11 hours OR 22 hours if eligible	Up to 22 hours if eligible	Up to 22 hours if eligible



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Childcare support for working families 9 months - 4 years



What it means

Starting from April 2024, existing childcare support will be expanded in phases. By September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare support, term time.

The changes are being introduced gradually to make sure that providers can meet the needs of more families. This means that:

From April 2024, eligible working parents of 2-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours childcare support, term time.

From September 2024, 15 hours term time childcare support will be extended to eligible working parents of children from the age of 9 months to 3-year-olds.

From September 2025, eligible working parents with a child from 9 months old up to school age will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare a week, term time.

Like the existing offer, depending on your provider, these hours can be used over 38 weeks of the year or up to 51 weeks if you use fewer than your total hours per week. Childbase Partnership offers the free entitlement over 51 weeks per year.

You can check your eligibility here
www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Childcare support for 2 year olds



What it means

The Early Learning program (ELP) for 2-year-olds is a government initiative that provides funded childcare for eligible 2-year-olds for up to 15 hours per week term time only. A government funded 2-year-old place is available for families in England who receive some additional forms of government support. Once eligibility is confirmed it will remain in place even if a family's circumstances change until the term after your child's third birthday at which point, they will automatically become eligible for universal 3 & 4-year funding.

You can check your eligibility for two-year funding here
www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

We encourage parents whose children are approaching their first funded term to apply for their working parent codes as soon as possible to ensure you get your code in good time for next term.

Not all parents can get a code straight away – HMRC sometimes needs more information to check whether a parent is eligible. You will need a valid code issued to you ahead of the 1st day of term.

You will also need to reconfirm eligibility for working parent funding every 3 months, HMRC manage this process and the reminders to you yourselves.



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3 & 4 year old universal funding



What is free early education for three- and four-year-olds?

The Department for Education offers all eligible three- and four-year-olds 15 hours per week term time only known as 'universal funding' following the term after their third birthday.



When will my child become eligible for funding?

The nationally prescribed dates for determining eligibility for universal free entitlement are as follows:

A CHILD BORN ON OR BETWEEN:	WILL BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR FREE ENTITLEMENT FUNDED FROM:
1st April and 31st August	1st September following their 3rd birthday
1st September and 31st December	1st January following their 3rd birthday
1st January and 31st March	1st April following their 3rd birthday

How Childbase offers funded hours



How will funding be applied to my child's sessions?

For parents that require wraparound sessions, AM/PM or Full Day sessions, the free entitlement hours are spread across 51 weeks for a maximum of 11 hours per week on the universal free entitlement offer and 22 hours per week for working parent free entitlement offer, dependent on sessional attendance. Each AM/PM session will include a maximum of 2hrs 45 minutes free entitlement, and a full day will include 5hrs 30 minutes.

The additional service cost relating to wraparound care is for the flexible services of drop off and collection within your permitted session times, all freshly prepared meals (breakfast, lunch, tea, and snacks) dependent on session type, consumables and a place guaranteed for every term until your child reaches school age. Our wraparound fees are available to view and download from the nursery page on our website.

Our free entitlement sessions included within wraparound care are detailed in the table below:

UNIVERSAL FREE ENTITLEMENT SESSIONS, UP TO 11 HOURS PER WEEK OVER 51 WEEKS	
Monday to Friday (AM session 10.15am – 13.00pm) (PM session 13.00pm – 15.45pm)	2hrs 45mins funding per session
WORKING PARENT FREE ENTITLEMENT SESSIONS, UP TO 22 HOURS PER WEEK OVER 51 WEEKS	
Monday or Friday (AM session 10.15am – 13.00pm) (PM session 13.00pm – 15.45pm)	2hrs 45mins funding per session

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Can my child access a funded only place?

If you would like your child to attend a funded only session with no additional services, this place is subject to nursery availability and will be secured on a termly basis and could be subject to change. The nursery free entitlement sessions are available to be taken across 51 weeks per year.

A voluntary contribution from parents to help cover the operating consumables costs provided to your child, for example, the quality, award-winning meals, and snacks served in nursery, or the five-star UVA sun cream provided when the weather dictates will be requested by the nursery. This contribution is voluntary, and no expectation is placed on any parent to agree to and act on this request. The requested contribution is £2 per session.

Our funded only sessions are detailed in the table below.

UNIVERSAL FREE ENTITLEMENT SESSIONS, UP TO 11 HOURS PER WEEK OVER 51 WEEKS	
Monday to Friday PM session 13.45pm – 16.30pm	2hrs 45mins funding per session (max 4)
EXTENDED FREE ENTITLEMENT SESSIONS, UP TO 13.75 HOURS PER WEEK OVER 51 WEEKS	
Monday or Friday PM session 13.45pm – 16.30pm	2hrs 45mins funding per session (max 5)

What happens after I have applied?

Once you have applied you will receive a notification to confirm if your child is eligible or not.

Once you have received your eligibility confirmation you will need to provide the CURN (child unique reference number) to nursery via our online form, so that they can validate the code and subsequently claim the funding for your child.

All funding is applied the term after the child turns the appropriate qualifying age.

A CHILD BORN ON OR BETWEEN:	WILL BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR FREE ENTITLEMENT FUNDING FROM:
1st April and 31st August	1st September following their birthday for 2 – 4 years or the qualifying month for 9 months
1st September and 31st December	1st January following their birthday for 2 – 4 years or the qualifying month for 9 months
1st January and 31st March	1st April following their birthday for 2 – 4 years or the qualifying month for 9 months

How we claim your child's funding

Childbase Partnership uses a digital platform to manage all funding claims for families. It is a quick and efficient online service which allows parents and our colleagues to provide the information required, saving time for everyone.

When it is time to complete the local authority declaration form, you will be emailed a secure link where you can complete the form online at your convenience. Not only is this easier with step-by-step instructions, completing the form online is also much faster as most of the information is already completed for you.

- Declaration forms are split into logical steps with clear instructions and validation. Parents can upload Birth Certificates by taking a picture on a mobile, and electronically sign with a mouse or finger.

- Allows parents to seamlessly check uploaded birth certificates and proofs of addresses in real time (no page refresh necessary). All forms can be downloaded and printed should you wish.
- With inbuilt knowledge of term times, all calculations are done for you as per the child's attendance schedule. Includes children attending multiple nurseries.

Our selected digital platform meets our extensive IT and Data security requirements and has been independently tested by security experts.



Further information

Further information on eligibility for funding can be found:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Childcare Choices | 30 Hours Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More | Help with Costs | GOV.UK

<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

Check what help you could get with childcare costs - GOV.UK