

FUNDING FROM JAN 24

Free education and childcare for 2-year-olds is for children who live in families on certain benefits, are looked after or in receipt of Disability Living allowance. They are eligible for a maximum of 15 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year. Children can start to receive funding straight away from when they receive a government code providing they have already had a 2nd birthday.

15 hours free childcare for 3 and 4-year-olds 15 hours per week funding for 38 weeks of the year is for ALL children aged 3&4 and DOES NOT need any eligibility criteria. 30 hours funding however is for 3&4 year old children of working parents subject to meeting eligibility criteria. They can have an additional 15 hours funded. Parents need to get a 11 digit code which begins 500 from Childcare Choices and renew regularly to remain eligible. All 3&4 year old funding can be accessed THE TERM AFTER the child's 3rd birthday

From April 2024

2 Year old children of working parents will be eligible for up to 15 hours a week x 38 weeks of funded childcare, subject to meeting eligibility criteria (the same as for 30 hours). Eligible from the term AFTER THEIR 2 YEAR old birthday.

Parents can access their codes from the Childcare Choices website from 2.1.24.

WITH BOTH THE 3&4 AND 2 YEAR FUNDING YOU MUST RECHECK ELIGIBILITY WHEN PROMPTED FROM HMRC, THIS IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.

From September 2024

Children from 9 months old will be eligible for up to 15 hours a week X 38 weeks of funded childcare however this will not apply to Pre-School children.

From September 2025

Eligibility will increase to up to 30 hours funded childcare for Funding for ALL children of working parents from 9 months and above. More details will be released on this over time.

Childcare choices is the government information site where there is up to date information about the upcoming changes to childcare support, Tax Free Childcare and how parents can get their eligibility codes. Sign up for their updates.