



A Parent Guide to 15 hours Funding

Working Families

From September 2024 eligible working families can get 15 hours funded childcare from 9 months. You, and any partner must expect to earn:

- on average at least £167 per week from 16 hours a week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) and
- Less than £100,000 adjusted net income per year.

To claim your childcare entitlement code you need to apply via the Childcare choices website.

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

Your child is eligible for a place in our 2by2 provision the term following their 2nd birthday. The table below shows when to apply so your code is valid for the start of the term.

You can apply outside of these recommended dates but you might not receive your code in time. **You must have a valid code by the end of the month before a new term starts.**

Childs birthday	When you can access a place	Best to apply between
1 April – 31 August	1 September (autumn term)	15 th June - 31 st July
1 September – 31 December	1 January (spring term)	15 th October - 30 th November
1 Jan – 31 March	1 April (summer term)	15 th January - 28 th February

Once your application has been approved, you'll get a code for free childcare. School will need a copy of this code, your national insurance number and a copy of your child's birth certificate to confirm their eligibility before we can confirm your child's funded place.

The 15 hours of weekly funding covers school term times only. This is 38 weeks of the year.

You will be asked to sign a parental agreement to confirm the agreed sessions that your child will attend. It is important to note that you will be required to pay for any additional sessions and school meals as outlined in the agreement.

Please note: You'll need to reconfirm your details every three months or the code will expire and funding will stop.