



A Parent Guide to 30 hour funding for 3-4 Year olds

Working Families

Working parents or carers of children aged three to four in England are currently entitled to 30 hours free childcare a week

Eligibility

- You and your partner (if you have one) must expect to earn at least £152 per week which is equal to 16 hours per week at National Minimum or Living Wage.
- In certain circumstances, if you or your partner are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you may still be eligible.

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

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

You can apply from when your child is:

- 2 years and 36 weeks for 30 hours free childcare

Your child is eligible from the term following their 3rd 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.