

# Early Years Entitlements Bulletin

## Help with Childcare Costs

### What is the existing offer for funded childcare?

Currently, all parents are entitled to 15 hours of childcare per week for 3 and 4 year olds. Parents who work more than 16 hours a week and earn less than £100,000 are entitled to 30 hours funded childcare a week for children aged 3 and 4. Parents of disadvantaged 2 year olds are also entitled to 15 hours per week childcare.

### How will this change up to 2025?

The government are extending childcare to support more parents returning to work after their parental leave ends. By September 2025, working parents of all children over the age of nine months will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare.

So that nurseries, pre-schools and childminders can prepare to deliver such a major expansion, it will be rolled out in phases.



# Summary of changes planned

How many hours of funded childcare can you get per week?

## FOR A CHILD AGED 9-23 MONTHS

SEPT 2024

15 hours for  
working families

SEPT 2025

30 hours for  
working families

\*38 weeks per year. Eligibility criteria apply.

How many hours of funded childcare can you get per week?

## FOR A CHILD AGED 2 YEARS

NOW

15 hours

APR 2024

15 hours  
or  
15 hours

SEPT 2024

15 hours  
or  
15 hours

SEPT 2025

15 hours  
or  
30 hours

Eligibility:  Families with additional needs  Working families

\*38 weeks per year. Eligibility criteria apply.

How many hours of funded childcare can you get per week?

## FOR A CHILD AGED 3-4 YEARS

NOW

15 hours  
or  
30 hours

APR 2024

15 hours  
or  
30 hours

SEPT 2024

15 hours  
or  
30 hours

SEPT 2025

15 hours  
or  
30 hours

Eligibility:  All parents  Working families

\*38 weeks per year. Eligibility criteria apply.



\*Please note that your childcare provider may charge for additional hours or services.

Please check their terms and conditions.

Visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) for more information.

# What other support is available?



From 28 June 2023, working parents on Universal Credit will be able to receive more financial help with their childcare costs from a registered provider. This will be up to the maximum amount of £951 per month for 1 child or up to £1,630 per month for 2 or more children. Eligible parents claiming Universal Credit will also be able to get additional help with their upfront childcare costs when moving into paid work or increasing their working hours so that they can more easily pay their next set of costs. Parents who are moving into paid work or increasing their working hours can speak to their Universal Credit work coach who can provide more information.

For more information, visit <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

# Will there be changes to childcare available for primary school age children?

Local authorities and schools will be given more funding to set up what's known as 'wraparound care' outside of normal school hours, so that parents of school age children can access childcare in their local area from 8am to 6pm. This could include breakfast clubs and after school clubs. We expect that by September 2026, most primary schools will be able to provide before and after school care.



# Don't forget about Tax Free Childcare!



Tax-Free Childcare can unlock thousands of pounds of support for families with children from birth to 11 (or 16 if disabled).

Working families who claim Tax Free Childcare get up to £2,000 a year for each of their children, to help cover the cost of childcare, holiday care and wraparound school care. This increases to £4000 if disabled.

This can be used alongside 30 hours.

Parents can apply at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) and must keep their details up to date at least every three months.