

# Help with childcare costs

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## 2 Year Old Free Entitlement

### Available for families that meet certain criteria

- Low income (Family income of less than £16,140)
- Universal Credit (Income of less than £15,640)
- Claiming Disability living allowance for the child
- Child was previously looked after by a local authority
- You can apply for this funding through the Council website

## 3 & 4 Year Old Universal Entitlement

### Available for all children from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> April or 1<sup>st</sup> January after they turn 3 years old

- 15 hours per week during term time (570 hours per year)
- Can be stretched to cover holidays (e.g. 11 hours per week over 50 weeks)
- You apply for this funding through your chosen Early Years Provider

**For more advice and information on childcare visit  
[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)**



## 3 & 4 Year Old Extended Entitlement 30 Hours Funding

### Additional 15 hours per week (570 hours per year) for working families

- A working family is when both parents (or a single parent living on their own) work and earn over £139 per week (£7228 per year) and do not earn over £100,000 per year
- You will need to apply through HMRC to get a code
- Once you have a code take it to your chosen Early Years Provider
- This code must be reconfirmed every 3 months

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