

Funding your childcare

As the UK's leading childcare and nursery provider, we do all we can to give your child the very best start in life — and make your life easier. So if you're finding childcare funding a little tricky, we'll do our very best to help.

Eligible Working families

- Current – receive 30 hours of funded childcare for children 3+
- April 2024 – Receive 15 hours of funded childcare for children 2+
- September 2024 – Receive 15 hours of funded childcare for children 9 months +
- September 2025 – Receive 30 hours of funded childcare for children 9 months +

Parents who **do not** meet eligibility criteria

- Universal funding – Receive 15 hours of funded childcare for 3 and 4 year olds and no change is being made
- Parents of 2 year olds already in receipt of government support receive direct local authority funding – no change being made

Few things to know about fees and funding

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The government helps fund your childcare

Depending on the age of your child and if you meet the eligibility criteria the government will fund a proportion of your childcare in line with the above timescales. All 3 and 4 year olds can access 15 hours of funded childcare if they have not received funded hours before they turn 3.

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Some 2 year olds may be eligible for funded childcare

They may be eligible if they receive certain means tested benefits, have been looked after by a local authority, receive Disability Living Allowance, or have an Education Health & Care Plan (EHCP) in place. You can read more about the qualifying criteria [here: gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds](https://gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds)

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Government funding doesn't cover all the costs

That's why we may ask you to contribute towards the other essentials and extras with enhanced activities that make our nurseries such a special place.

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You can stretch your allowance over the year

Government funded hours only apply to term time (38 weeks), however, you can 'stretch' these hours over the year (51 weeks). However, this can vary depending on the specific requirements of each Local Authority.



