

Preschool Funding

3 & 4-Year-Old Funding - Universal 15 Hours

Your child is entitled to 570 'universal' free hours per year, which is a maximum of 15 hours per week over 38 weeks of the year, from the term after your child's 3rd birthday – 1st January, 1st April or 1st September. You can choose to spread your child's hours over more than 38 weeks of the year, for example over 51 weeks. This would mean that your child would access less than 15 'universal' hours per week. You can choose to receive funded hours at a maximum of two settings in any one day. A maximum of 10 hours can be funded per day.

Your child's setting(s) can choose how they offer the free entitlement. Please discuss your requirements with each setting before completing this form to ensure that what they offer meets your needs. Your child's setting will claim funding based on the information you provide. You may find that you are left with a bill from your child's setting if you do not complete the form accurately and funding is therefore not allocated appropriately. You will need to complete a Parent Declaration Form for each setting that your child attends.

If your child is attending a specialist setting (e.g. Special School Nursery Class/Early Years Specialist Language Unit/Nursery Assessment Class), they must be allocated 'universal' hours to cover the number of hours your child attends.

C: 3 & 4-Year-Old Funding - Additional 15 Hours (30 Hours)

If your child is aged 3 or 4 years of age and you (and your partner if applicable) meet the criteria, your child could be entitled to a total of 30 hours childcare per week. Please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to find out more information and apply for your 30 Hours Free Childcare Code.

If you have provided a valid '30 Hours Eligibility Code' above, your child is entitled to a further 570 'additional' hours per year. The 'additional' hours will start from the beginning of the next funding period -1st January, 1st April or 1st September. If at any point during the year your child stops being eligible for the 'additional' hours, your child's free entitlement will be based on the 'universal' allocation above. You must also discuss your child's attendance hours with their setting(s), to ensure that they are still able to offer the hours that you need. When you allocate your child's hours, we recommend that unless you are advised differently by your child's setting, you should allocate the hours equally between 'universal' and 'additional'.

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