

Funding Information for School Web Site

Free Education and Childcare for 2-year-olds

Your 2-year-old can get free childcare if you live in England and get any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit (or both), and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax
- The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

2-year-olds can also get free childcare if they:

- are looked after by a local authority
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- get [Disability Living Allowance](#)
- have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order

Contact your childcare provider or [local council](#) to find out more.

Working Parent 2-year funding – WEF September 2025 -30 free hours childcare.

You must live in England to apply for free childcare. The amount of free childcare you can get depends on:

- your child's age and circumstances
- whether you're working (employed, self-employed, or a director)
- your income (and your partner's income, if you have one)
- your immigration status

If you've already registered, you can [sign in to your childcare account](#).

Working parents who individually earn more than £8,670 but less than £100,000 adjusted net income per year are eligible.

For couples, the rules apply to both parents, so both must earn at least £8,670 and neither can earn more than £100,000.

There's more information available on the exact criteria on the [Childcare Choices](#) website, for example if parents work irregular hours or are receiving certain benefits.

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

You must apply for the code the term before you intend to use the hours in any setting.

3 & 4 year old Funding

All 3 to 4-year-olds in England can get 570 free hours per year. It's usually taken as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year.

Some 3 to 4-year-olds are eligible for Working Parent - 30 hours free childcare a week. [Check if you're eligible and find out how to apply.](#)

The free early education and childcare:

- must be with an [approved childcare provider](#)
- stops when your child starts in reception class (or reaches compulsory school age, if later)

You may have to pay for extra costs like meals, nappies or trips.

You can get it from the term after your child's 3rd birthday.

Contact your childcare provider or [local council](#) to find out more.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare>

If you have any questions in relation to funding, please contact Lucy Merry our Early Years Administrator, 01865 881294

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