



Childcare Funding Information for Parents

For Children Aged 2 and 3 Years

1. What Funding Is Available?

For 2-Year-Olds

Your child may be able to receive **15 hours of funded childcare per week for 38 weeks a year** if:

- Your family receives certain income-related benefits or additional support (known as **Funded 2s / FRAS**):

Income support

Income based Jobseeker's Allowance

Income related Employment and Support Allowance

Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 or less a year after tax, not including benefits

the guaranteed element of State 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)

- You are a **working parent** and meet HMRC income criteria (known as the **2-year-old Working Parent Entitlement**)

When to apply

You can apply for funded childcare funding for 2-year-olds 16 weeks before your child's second birthday. We recommend you apply no more than 3 months before you're eligible to claim.

You must apply in good time and provide us with the eligibility code before the deadline. Many parents applying for this funding will get a reply straightaway to say

if they are eligible. Some parents will need to provide more information for their application.

If eligible, the funded place begins the **term after your** child turns 2.

Please note we only offer 15-hour places for our 2-year-olds, these will be half day sessions.

For 3- and 4-Year-Olds

All children aged 3–4 can get the **universal 15 hours** of funded childcare per week (38 weeks per year), regardless of income. You do not need a code for this.

Working parents may also be entitled to **an additional 15 hours (total 30 hours per week)** if they meet HMRC income requirements.

Please note that 30-hour places are only available at Bincombe Nursery in the academic year before your child is due to start school. As a full time, place in our Nursery is 32.5 hrs we have a Friday afternoon 30 hour top up fee that will need to be paid if your child accesses the full 30 hours.

2. How to Apply

Applying for 2-Year-Old Funding

- **Working Parent Entitlement:** Apply through HMRC; you will receive an **11-digit code** if eligible. You will need to reconfirm this code termly.
- **Funded 2s (low-income/benefits):** Apply through your local authority (code usually 6 digits). This code will remain in place until the term after your child is 3.

Applying for 30 Hours for 3- & 4-Year-Olds

- Apply through HMRC to obtain your **eligibility code**.
- You must **reconfirm every 3 months** to maintain eligibility.

3. Term Deadlines

Eligibility codes must be in place before the start of a funding term:

- **Autumn term:** Apply by **31 August**
- **Spring term:** Apply by **31 December**
- **Summer term:** Apply by **31 March**

