

30 hours free childcare for eligible families

In September 2017 the Government is introducing 30 hours of free childcare (1140 per year) for 3 and 4 year olds. Currently all 3 and 4 year olds are eligible for 570 hours of free childcare per academic year, which equates to approximately 15 hours per week during term time, or 5 sessions. The additional 15 hours will help families by reducing the cost of childcare and will be available to:

- families where both parents are working
- lone parents (sole parent in household) that are working
- those earning, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage
- those on a national living wage and earnings are less than £100,000 per year
- those parents that are self-employed
- parents on zero hours contracts who meet one of the above criteria

You can check whether you are eligible by visiting:

childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk