



HELP PAYING FOR YOUR CHILDCARE



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

- Starting from April 2024, existing childcare support will be expanded in phases.
- By September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare support.
- From **April 2024**, eligible working parents of 2-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours per week childcare support from the term after their child's 2nd birthday, up to a maximum of 570 hours per year.
- The current scheme for funding for some 2-year-olds will continue. However, parents can only claim hours through one of the schemes, not both.
- From **September 2024**, 15 hours per week childcare support will be extended to eligible working parents of children from the term after they are 9 months old to 3-year-olds, up to a maximum of 570 hours per year.
- From **September 2025**, eligible working parents of children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare a week, up to a maximum of 1,140 hours per year.
- Like the existing offer, depending on your provider, these hours can be used over 38 weeks of the year (during school term time), or up to 50 weeks if you stretch your entitlement.
- Your Early Years Provider will be able to confirm with you which of the expanded schemes they are planning to offer.
- Parents must apply for an eligibility code by visiting www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to access these expanded offers and **MUST** reconfirm the code every 3 months.
- The deadline dates to apply for these codes are:
 - 31st March to access the expanded hours in the Summer term
 - 31st August to access the expanded hours in the Autumn term
 - 31st December to access the expanded hours in the Spring term
- To confirm potential start dates for eligibility, based on your child's age, please speak to your Early Years Provider.
- Please remember, the schemes only cover funded hours. Your Early Years Provider will charge for meals, consumables, additional services and private hours.

Sign up for more details about the upcoming expansion, as well as how and when to register for support with childcare costs by visiting:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk