



HELP WITH CHILDCARE COSTS FOR CHILDREN OVER 9 MONTHS TO 4 YEARS OLD

Eligible working parents of children aged over 9 months to 4 year olds old may be able to claim 30 hours a week of funding towards their childcare costs

To find out if you qualify and apply for an eligibility code, go on-line to:

www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education



IMPORTANT

To ensure you can claim the funding from September 2026, **APPLY NOW** for your code

Any applications received after 31st August 2026 will not be eligible in the autumn term

To be eligible for the funding from **September 2026**, both parts of the criteria below must be met:

- The child must be at least 9 months old **before 31st August 2026**; and
- Working parents must have applied and been issued with an eligibility code with a start date **before 31st August 2026**

DON'T FORGET

Parents who have already applied and are eligible for 30 hours are reminded that they **MUST RE-CONFIRM ELIGIBILITY EVERY 3 MONTHS** by logging their Government Gateway account, otherwise the code will expire and become ineligible.

If you have any questions, speak to your childcare provider

ALL 3 or 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours of childcare per week, from the term after the child's 3rd birthday (Parents DO NOT need to be working)