

30 Hour Nursery Entitlement

Currently, all 3 to 4-year-olds are eligible for 15 hours' free early education per week. This is a universal entitlement, for all children.

From September 2017, all 3 to 4-year-olds of working parents will be eligible for an additional 15 hours' early education per week.

The 30 hours entitlement is intended to support working parents with childcare costs and enable them to return to work or work additional hours.

This and more information on the entitlement is set out in a Department for Education (DfE) policy statement:

<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/extendedentitlement>

How parents can apply

Parents can use the following calculator to work out what childcare support they are eligible for:

<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

The DfE have said further information regarding the application process will be available in due course and the online application function is due to go live later in the Spring.