

# 3 and 4-Year-Old Funding



**15 hours per week**  
**38 weeks of the year**

# All 3 & 4 year old children can have 15 hours funded Early Education a week, over 38 weeks of the year.

That's 570 hours every year until they start school. Some childcare providers offer fewer hours each week that can be taken over more weeks of the year. Some working families get an extra 15 hours a week of funded childcare - so up to 30 hours in all!

<b>For children who turn 3 between:</b>	<b>... the funded childcare starts from:</b>
1 January to 31 March	April (Summer term)
1 April to 31 August	September (Autumn term)
1 September to 31 December	January (Spring term)

## Can my family get the additional 15 hours?

Find out more and apply through the government's [www.beststartinlife.gov.uk](http://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk) website. If you are eligible, you'll get a code (number) from this website to take to your childcare provider.

<b>Get your code before ...</b>	<b>To start funded childcare from:</b>
31 March	April (Summer term)
31 August	September (Autumn term)
31 December	January (Spring term)

## Where can I get my childcare?

At any Ofsted registered Day Nursery, Preschool, School Nursery or Childminder. The choice will depend on what's available in your local area.

## Who to contact

To search for childcare online go to: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/fsd](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/fsd)

If you need help finding childcare contact the Suffolk Family Information Service

Phone: **0345 60 800 33**

Email: [suffolkfis@suffolk.gov.uk](mailto:suffolkfis@suffolk.gov.uk)

Website: [www.suffolk.gov.uk/family](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/family)