

30 hours of

funded childcare

for Working Families

from
9
months +



Children of working parents could be entitled to 30 hours of funded early education a week over 38 weeks of the year.

That's 1140 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, known as a stretched offer. To be eligible for this funding, parents must be working a minimum of 16 hours a week at the National Minimum Wage.

For children who turn 9 months between:	Funded childcare starts from
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 30 hours funding?

Find out more and apply through the www.beststartinlife.gov.uk website. If you are eligible you'll get a code (number) from this website to take to your childcare provider. You must get your code before three possible start dates which are either 1 April, 1 September or 1 January.

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.

You can use your funded hours:

- with more than one provider; and
- for up to 10 hours a day between 6am and 8pm

Contact us

For help to find childcare, you can search online at:

www.suffolk.gov.uk/fsd or contact the Suffolk Family Information Service

Phone: 0345 60 800 33

Email: suffolkfis@suffolk.gov.uk

Website: www.suffolk.gov.uk/30hours