

Navigating Early Years Funding



Heath House Day Nursery



Wentwood House Day Nursery



Oaklea House Day Nursery



Forest House Day Nursery

What is on offer and to who?

15 & 30 hours childcare for eligible working families in England

- Available for children aged 9 months to 4 years.
- Can be used flexibly with one or more childcare providers.
- As a providers we 'stretch' the hours over 51 weeks, using fewer hours per week but covering the full year. (The allocated funding is 38 weeks of the year only)

15 hours early learning for families in England, receiving some additional forms of support

- For children aged 2 years receiving some additional forms of support.

Tax-Free Childcare

- If you're a working parent or carer, you can get a £2 top-up for every £8 that you pay towards childcare.

When Can I Apply and When Will My Child Be Eligible?

How it works with maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave

Date of returning to work	When you can apply from	When you can access your entitlements from
1 October to 31 January	1 September to 31 December	1 January
1 February to 30 April	1 January to 31 March	1 April
1 May to 30 September	1 April to 31 August	1 September

When you can access the working parent offer*

If my child turns 9 months old between...	I can access the working parent entitlement from the...
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January

* The same rules apply if accessing funding at 2 years or 3 years for the first time.

Funding Type	Key Information	Eligibility Information
Early Years Funding For Working Families	<p>As a provider we offer funding in all 3 ages from 9m+ - 4 years</p> <p>There are additional costs not covered by the funding such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● meals ● additional hours ● additional activities and resources. 	<p>If you live and work in England you may be entitled to funded childcare support</p> <p>You can usually get funded childcare for working parents if you (and your partner, if you have one) are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● in work or starting a new job ● on sick leave or annual leave ● on shared parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave
Tax Free Childcare	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Set up an online childcare account for your child on GOV.UK. 2. Deposit money into the account. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2. You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is disabled (up to £4,000 a year). 3. Use the topped-up money to pay your childcare provider through your online account. 4. Reconfirm your eligibility for Tax-Free Childcare every three months. You'll get a text reminder and it's easy to do through your online account 	<p>eligibility for Tax-Free Childcare;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● be 16 years old + ● be in the UK, ● be responsible for the child ● be in qualifying paid work, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ self-employed ○ on parental, maternity, paternity, leave ● expect to earn on average at least a weekly amount equivalent of £183PW ● not be earning more than an £100,000 per year ● not be in receipt of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working Tax Credit ○ Child Tax Credit ○ Universal Credit ○ Childcare Vouchers

Tax Free Childcare & Early Years Funding.....Can I Use Them Together?

- **YES Tax Free Childcare Can** be used in conjunction with Early Years funding
- **No it Cannot** be used with other payment schemes for example childcare vouchers and UC

What is Tax Free Childcare?

Tax-Free Childcare is a UK government scheme designed to assist working parents with childcare costs. Under this scheme, for every £8 you pay into your childcare account, the government adds an extra £2, up to a maximum of £2,000 per child per year (£4,000 for disabled children). This initiative is available to eligible parents across England.

What is Early Years Funding?

Early years funding is available for eligible families to support with the cost of childcare. It is 15 hours (raising to 30 hour September 25) of funded childcare for children the term after they turn 9 months up until they reach compulsory school age.

And here's the good news.....

Tax free childcare and Early years funding can be used **TOGETHER!!!!**

Early years Funding is discounted from your nursery billing prior to invoicing and you manage your Tax Free Childcare by paying into a Government based account and they top this up before you arrange payment to your provider.

Exception to the rule—Tax free childcare cannot be used with Universal credit or childcare vouchers but you can still claim early Years funding if you are using either of these schemes.