

Cambridgeshire Families Information Service

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We provide free, confidential and impartial advice and guidance on funded early education and childcare, home learning and related services in Cambridgeshire.

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15 Funded hours for eligible 2 year olds

Children in families with a **low income** or in receipt of certain **benefits** are entitled to 15 funded hours* of **free childcare or early years education**.

[Applying for Education Welfare Benefits](#)



Early Years Pupil Premium

Some children receiving funded hours and are in receipt of certain benefits may be eligible for **additional funding**. This funding is 60p per hour and **paid directly to the early education provider to improve outcomes** for these children.



15 Funded hours for ALL 3 & 4 year olds

ALL children aged 3 & 4 are able to access 15 funded hours* of **free childcare or early years education**.

[Information about Universal Entitlement](#)



Extended Entitlement for some 3 & 4 year olds (an additional 15 funded hours per week)

Working parents of 3 & 4 year olds may be entitled to an additional 15 hours* of funded childcare or early years education. There is an **eligibility criteria** and it is essential that parents **reconfirm eligibility** every 3 months.

[Childcare Choices](#)



*The funded hours are up to 570 hours a year. This is 15 hours over 38 weeks or fewer hours per week for more weeks in the year. This can be taken at registered settings or childcare providers or across more than one setting.

Tax-Free Childcare for 0-11 year olds

Tax-free childcare is for **working parents** of children from **0-11 years old** (0-16 years old for disabled children). For every £8 paid into an account, the Government will add £2 (£4 for a disabled child), up to £2,000 per year per child. (£4,000 for disabled children). Parents pay the childcare provider from their account.

[Tax-Free Childcare](#)



Other financial support weblinks

[Tax Credits for Childcare](#)

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