

Funding Information

Parents and carers may be eligible for Government funding of 15/30 hours. This subsidy alleviates some of the costs associated with the provision of care and education for your child/children, depending on your individual circumstances.

There are two routes; parents can apply either via the Wiltshire council parent portal or Government gateway. Please watch to find out more <https://youtu.be/d0B7F3eMG0Y>

Parents and carers can apply for 15 hours funding when their child is 9 months old up until they start primary school. (See table below.) To be eligible, parents need to be:

- Working or starting a new job
- On shared parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave
- On sick leave or annual leave

Parents will need to apply online to check their eligibility. The following documents will be needed for the application:

- National insurance number
- Unique taxpayer reference (UTR), if self-employed
- UK birth certificate reference number
- The date you started working or are due to start

The application process usually takes approximately twenty minutes. It can take up to seven days to find out if you are eligible. Once you are eligible, you will receive a code. This code needs to be shared with your childcare provider. A consent to validate form will then need to be completed. You will receive a reminder to reconfirm your eligibility three times a year. You must ensure you do this otherwise you risk losing your funding. Your childcare provider will also require you to complete a declaration form, termly. Please always check that the weeks and hours stated on the form are correct before signing.

You can find more information on what funding is available at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Please see the table below detailing when funding can be applied from

If my child turns 9 months old between....	I can access the funding from....
1st January to 31 st March	Term starting from 1 st April
1 st April-31 st August	Term starting from 1st September
1 st September-31 st December	Term starting from 1 st January

Your child will receive 15 hours funding until the term after their third birthday, this increases to 30 hours thereafter, if your eligibility does not change. From September 2025, all working parents and carers with a child from 9 months+ may be eligible for 30 hours funding. If you are in receipt of 15 hours funding and your circumstances have not changed, your child should automatically receive the 30 hours. If you would like to extend your child's hours at their setting, it is advised to notify the setting in ample time to avoid disappointment.

Better2gether Funding.

If a child has a statutory statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an education health and care plan (EHCP) or a child has left the local authority care through a special guardianship order, adoption, a residence order or is currently a looked after child and/or if they receive a qualifying benefit, they could be eligible for the Better2together funding. More information can be found on the Wiltshire government website [Early Years funding for 2 year olds - Wiltshire Council](#).

Children are entitled to receive funding for 38 weeks of the year. If your child attends a term-time only setting, they will receive their entitlement in full weekly (15 or 30 hours a week).

The table below details the funding entitlement for the year and how many hours are allocated a term. You will be required to pay for any additional hours, over your funded entitlement.

Funded entitlement	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Autumn 2025	Total funded hours for the year over 38 weeks.
15 hours	165	195	210	570
30 hours	330	390	420	1140

Children that attend an all-year-round setting (50 weeks of the year), will receive the same entitlement as detailed above, however the funding is stretched over the year to cover the non-funded weeks.

Please see the table below.

Funded entitlement	Spring 2025	Summer 2025	Autumn 2025
15 hours term-time	15	15	15
15 hours stretched	13.75	10.3	13.1
30 hours term-time	30	30	30
30 hours stretched	27.5	20.6	26.2

Children attending an all-year-round setting, the stretched hours are checked termly to ensure the full entitlement for that term has been allocated. If there are any unused funded hours, these are allocated to the following term ensuring that by the end of the academic year the full entitlement has been used.

Tax-free Childcare

Tax-free childcare is a government backed scheme which was put in place to help parents and carers with the cost of childcare. The scheme provides eligible families with an extra 20% towards the cost of childcare and education. Through the scheme, for every £8 paid into your individual account the government will top it up with an additional £2. In total you could be entitled to £500 quarterly. More information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

Other costs

TNB Early Years and Play require parents and carers with children who are in receipt of any funded hours to pay a daily consumable contribution.

The consumable contribution covers additional costs associated with the running and delivery of care and education for your children which is not covered by the governmental funding rate.

A non-refundable deposit will be required to reserve your child's place at your chosen setting.

Please speak to your provider if you require any further information.

This document will be updated with any further legislative changes as they arise.