

## Funded places at local nurseries and childminders to help your 2, 3 or 4 year olds to play, learn & grow.

We all want our children to grow up to be healthy, happy and well-adjusted to the world around them and whatever your situation, balancing family life in this modern world can be tough! Children grow up so fast but you can give them a great start in life by taking them to a local nursery or a childminder for a few hours a week, funded by the government.

### If you have a 3 or 4 year old, did you know...

All 3&4 year old children in Lancashire are entitled to up to 15 hours per week (570 hours per year) funded by the government and for most working families this can rise to 30 hours per week (1,140 hours per year).

Visit [lancashire.gov.uk/childcare](http://lancashire.gov.uk/childcare) for more information.

**Don't miss out,  
your child is entitled!**



## If you have a 2 year old did you know...

The government also funds up to 15 hours per week for some 2 year old children. This will depend on your household income or if you are in receipt of certain benefits. For more information visit the 'Funded childcare for 2 year olds' section of [www.lancashire.gov.uk/childcare](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/childcare).

## Don't miss out on your 2 year old's early learning adventure!

Go to our eligibility checker - <https://fisonline.lancashire.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx> to see if your child is entitled today!



## Why it's good for your child to take up a place at a nursery or with a childminder...

- attending the fun sessions helps your child to learn and develop through play.
- your child will make new friends and build their confidence.
- it helps improve your child's speaking and listening skills.
- it helps prepare your child to be ready for starting school.

## Rest assured...

- your child will be looked after in a safe, secure environment regulated by Ofsted.
- all our nurseries and childminders are fully inclusive and cater for a range of cultural, dietary, religious and special or educational needs.

## Finding the right nursery or childminder

You can find a list of local nurseries and childminders that offer places in the 'search for childcare' section of our website - [www.lancashire.gov.uk/childcare](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/childcare).

There are also a range of helpful guides there to help you choose which type best suits your family's needs.

## If you need more hours than the government funds...

If you want to increase your child's hours or are currently paying for extra hours you may be entitled to further financial support from the government such as Tax Free Childcare or through Universal Credit.

## We're here to help

The Family Information Service is here to help support you from the very start of your child's early learning journey right up until they start school. So, no matter what questions or concerns you may have, we will be happy to help you. You can get in touch with us by calling:

0300 123 6712 or by emailing us at: [fis@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@lancashire.gov.uk)

For more detailed information about taking up a place with a nursery or childminder please see our helpful guide – (<http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/corporate/web/viewdoc.aspx?id=143829>) for parents.

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