

Free Childcare

What's available for you and when

How many hours of childcare can you claim per week?

Age 3-4 years				Age 2 years				Age 9-23 months	
All Parents: (Universal)				Families with Additional Needs				Working Families	
15 hours	15 hours	15 hours	15 hours	15 hours	15 hours	15 hours	15 hours	15 hours	30 hours
Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	SEP 2024	SEP 2025
Working Families				Working Families					
30 hours	30 hours	30 hours	30 hours	15 hours	15 hours	30 hours			
Now	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025	APR 2024	SEP 2024	SEP 2025			

15 hours per week is based on 38 weeks per year (term-time only) but parents can access fewer hours per week over a full year. Eligibility criteria applies to all of the above except for the universal offer for all parents. In addition, you can use Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit to pay for childcare whilst also claiming your 15 or 30 hours of funded childcare.

Find the right offer for you

Financial support available to working parents to help with childcare costs is increasing from April 2024. Changes will make it easier for parents with childcare responsibilities to move into or take on more paid work.



Visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for more information.

To keep up to date on when you can start to claim the new funded childcare offer visit www.stockton.gov.uk/freechildcare or contact the Families Information Service on 01642 527225.



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