

Free Early Education Funding

Please go to the following link for more information on childcare entitlements

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

2 year olds

Some 2 year olds may be eligible to receive funding known in Kent as the Free for Two Scheme (FF2) which is subject to meeting certain criteria. Eligible age ranges are shown in the table below. You can check the eligibility criteria by going to the Childcare Choices website above. To apply for FF2 funding go to [Free childcare – Kent County Council](#) and if you are eligible you will be given a 6 digit EY Voucher Code and we will ask you to provide us with the code to enable us to apply for the funding from KCC.

3 and 4 year olds (The Universal Entitlement)

All children become eligible for up to 570 hours per year the term after their third birthday. Eligible date ranges are shown in the table below.

3 and 4 year olds of working parents (The Extended Entitlement)

Some children may qualify for up to an additional 570 hours per year which is subject to meeting certain criteria meaning your child would be entitled to a total of 30 hours funding a week. Please go to the Childcare Choices website on the link above to apply. Your application must be made the term before you wish your child to access the funding (by the end of term 5 for September, term 2 for January and term 4 for April). If eligible you will be given an 11 digit code which we will need to be able to claim this funding from KCC. You will get reminders from HMRC every 3 months to re-confirm your code to remain eligible for the 30 hours funding.

A child is entitled to Free Early Education at the start of the term after their second (if eligible), or third birthday in line with the Department for Education table below:

A child born on or between	Will become eligible for funding from
1 st January and 31 st March	The Start of Term 5 following their second or third birthday (after April Holiday)
1 st April and 31 st August	The Start of Term 1 following their second or third birthday (after Summer Holiday)
1 st September and 31 st December	The Start of Term 3 following their second or third birthday (after Christmas/New Year Holiday)

For all the above funding streams we will ask you to complete a Parental Declaration form prior to your child taking up their Free Early Education to enable us to claim the correct number of hours from KCC, and termly thereafter.