



Do you currently pay for any of these childcare services?

- Nursery • Pre-school • Childminder

If so, you may be able to receive up to 30 hours **free** childcare per week of each child aged 3 or 4 years old – 570 hours a year on top of the ‘universal’ entitlement of 570 hours that your child could already have in an approved nursery, pre-school or childminder setting.

Are you eligible?

One or two parent households need to be working and earning at least the equivalent each week of 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage (though less than £100,000 each per annum). ‘Working’ includes those parents who are self employed, on zero contract hours or on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, and meet the income criteria. In two parent households one parent can be disabled, have caring responsibilities or being assessed for work to be eligible. Your child needs to be aged 3 or 4 to access 30 hours free childcare.

To find out more and apply

Visit the Government ‘Childcare Choices’ service website to find out more and apply:

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

‘30 Hours Childcare’ is one type of support available. Not sure what other types there are? Use the Childcare Calculator to find out what is best for your family: <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>

Need help with the online application or further information? Contact the Childcare Choices helpline: **0300 123 4097** (Open 7 days a week)

Don’t use a childcare service currently?

To access free childcare hours these need to be delivered by Ofsted registered or approved providers. You can search for Hampshire services using <https://fid.hants.gov.uk/> or phone **0300 555 1384** for help.