

Are you a

working parent?

Is your child 3 or 4 years old?

You could be eligible for

30 hours FREE childcare



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What is 30 hours free childcare?

Currently all three and four year olds receive **up to 15 hours free childcare per week**, or 570 hours per year. From September 2017, working parents with a three or four year old will be entitled to up to **30 hours free childcare per week**, or 1,140 hours per year.

In order to access the 30 hours free childcare your child must be:

- Over 3 years old and
- Under compulsory school age

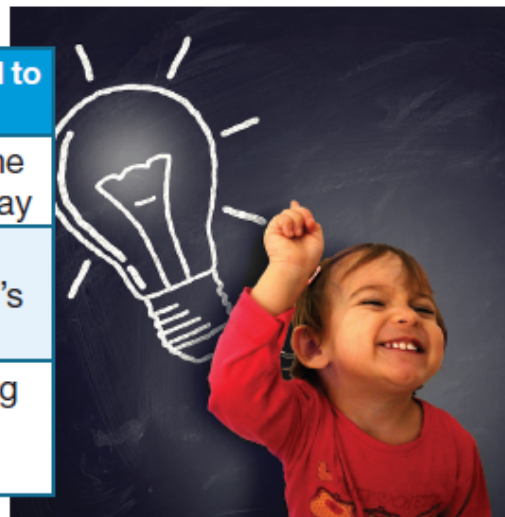
Parents must be working. The broad criteria are:

- Both parents must be working or the sole parent in a one parent family must be working
- Each parent must earn on average a weekly minimum equivalent of 16 hours at National Living Wage
- Each parent must earn less than £100,000 per year

More information can be found at www.asklion.co.uk/30hours

If you and your child fit these criteria, your child can access their place from the start of the school term after your child's third birthday.

If your child's birthday falls between	They will be entitled to a free place from
1 January - 31 March	1 April following the child's third birthday
1 April - 30 August	1 September following the child's third birthday
1 September to 31 December	1 January following the child's third birthday



PLEASE NOTE: You should check your eligibility and apply for a free childcare place the term your child turns three so funding can begin at the start of the following term.

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Find out by visiting the Childcare Choices website -
www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

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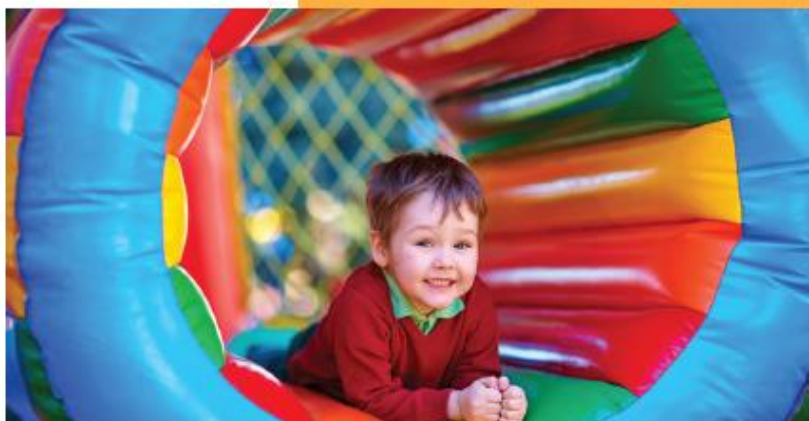


If you are eligible you will be provided with a code which you must take to your chosen early years setting. For more information on early years provision in Nottingham City visit www.asklion.co.uk

Before the setting can offer your child a place, they will need your

- Eligibility code
- National Insurance Number
- Child's date of birth

and will ask you to complete a Parent Declaration Form to validate your code as part of this initial visit.



Once validated, the setting can arrange a convenient start date with you.

How can I use my 30 hours entitlement?

You will be able to use your entitlement at any Ofsted-registered childcare provider or school. Not all providers will offer the full 30 hours entitlement.

You can split your hours between childcare providers (no more than two sites in a day). You can also use your hours flexibly to suit your work patterns. Speak to your childcare provider about how they can support you with this.

Change of circumstances

You will be reminded by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) to reconfirm eligibility every three months. **As a parent this is your responsibility.** If eligibility is not reconfirmed or you are no longer eligible, your entitlement will continue for a short period, which your provider will explain to you.



For more information please contact the
Nottingham City Families Information Service
on 0800 458 4114.

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