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# Fees and Funding

| Description | Time | No. Of hours | 2026/27 price |
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| **Hourly rate** | | 1 | £6.50 |
| **Pre-school am** | 08:45 – 11:45 | 3 | £19.50 |
| **Pre-school am (plus lunch)** | 08:45 – 12:30 | 3.75 | £24.38 |
| **Pre-school pm** | 12:30 – 15:30 | 3 | £19.50 |
| **Pre-school pm (plus lunch)** | 11.45 – 15:30 | 3.75 | £24.38 |
| **Pre-school full day** | 08:45 – 15:30 | 6.75 | £43.88 |
| **Hot school meal** | | | £2.58 (booked via Bromcom) |

**Invoices**

Invoices are created termly and the fees are payable half termly or termly in advance on the first Friday of each term. Fees continue to be payable if a child is absent. **Each child's attendance at the group is conditional upon continued payment of any necessary fees**. Fees are paid by electronic bank transfer; all information is included on the invoice. Hot lunches need to be booked the night before by 11pm and paid for via the Impact Food app. **All hot lunches are charged at an additional £2.56.**

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**Universal funding for 3 and 4 year olds**

All children are eligible for 15 hours Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) for from the term after their 3rd birthday.

**Working Parent Entitlement for 3 to 4 year olds**

Eligible working parents of children age 3 to 4 years can receive an additional 15 hours of childcare support on top of the universal offer of 15 hours (known as the extended offer), bringing the total support they can receive up to 30 hours a week (a maximum of 1,140 hours per year). This can be claimed in the same way as the 9 month to 2 years below.

**Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) Funding for 9 months to 2 years Working Parents Entitlement**

From September 2025 - working parents of children aged 9 months old will be able to access 30 FEEE hours (1,140 hours per year). At pre-school we take children from their second birthday, if you child's 2nd birthday falls part way through the term before you wish them to join the setting, please make sure that you have claimed before the beginning of the term.

**What is the eligibility criteria?**

You, and any partner, must expect to earn (on average) at least £183 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage).

If you, or your partner, are on maternity, paternity, or adoption leave, or you're unable to work because you are disabled or have caring responsibilities, you could still be eligible.

You can't get 30 hours childcare if you, or your partner, each individually expect to earn £100,000 adjusted net income or more.

How can parents check if they are eligible?

You can check your eligibility and get further information from https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

If you have any questions or are having difficulties in applying, please call the HMRC on 0300 123 4097.

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**Families receiving some additional forms of government support may also be entitled to funding for their 2 year old.**

**What is the eligibility criteria?**

Your 2-year-old can get free childcare if you live in England and are in receipt of the following benefits:

Income Support

Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments

The guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit (or both), and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax

The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

2-year-olds can also get free childcare if they:

- are looked after by a local authority
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- get Disability Living Allowance
- have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangement order
- If you are a non-UK citizen who cannot claim benefits
- If your immigration status says you have 'no recourse to public funds', you may still get free childcare for your 2-year-old. You must live in England and your household income after tax must be no more than:
- £26,500 for families outside of London with one child
- £34,500 for families within London with one child
- £30,600 for families outside of London with two or more children
- £38,600 for families within London with two or more children

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**Eligibility can be confirmed through Leicestershire's Citizen Portal.**

You will be asked for the following information:

• Your name, National Insurance (or National Asylum Seeker Support) number, date of birth and address

• Your child's name and date of birth

If you have any issues using the online checker, please speak to a member of staff.

**Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP**

The EYPP is extra government money to boost eligible children's (ages 9 months and onwards) early learning. The nursery, pre-school / playgroup, childminder or out of school provider your child attends could get up to £570 a year to help their learning. Your childcare provider will work with you to decide how best to spend the money to make sure your child really benefits.

**Children are eligible for EYPP if their parents are in receipt of one or more of the benefits:**

• Income Support

• Income-based Jobseekers Allowance

• Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

• Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

• The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

• Child Tax Credit (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

• Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

**Or if they have been:**

• looked after by the local authority for at least one day

• have been adopted from care

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• have left care through special guardianship; and subject to a child arrangement order setting out with whom the child is to live (formerly known as residence orders)

**Disability Access Fund (DAF):**

All children in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and in receipt of the Free Early Years Entitlement are eligible for the DAF. The Disability Access Fund enables parents to nominate a setting to receive a once-a-year lump sum. If a child attends two settings only one setting can be nominated for the fund. The fund is paid at a fixed rate to your nominated childcare setting. This does not give parents a discount to their payments. Evidence of your a Disability Living Allowance (DLA) will be required.