



## Brookdale Early Years

### Help Paying for your Childcare

#### Tax Free Childcare

- For **working families**, including the self-employed, **in the UK**
- Earning **under £100k** and **at least £142** per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) each
- Who **aren't** receiving Tax Credits, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers
- With children aged 0-11 (or 0-16 if disabled)
- For every £8 you pay, the government will add an extra £2, **up to £2,000 per child per year**

#### 15 Hours Funded Childcare

- For families **in England**, receiving some form of support with **2-year-old children**:
- **15 hours of free childcare** or early education for **38 weeks**
- To be able to take up **15 hours of free childcare** for your two-year-old you or your child must meet the eligibility criteria:  
<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds>
- A total of **570 hours per year**, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider
- Some providers will allow you to 'stretch' the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours per week

#### 15 Hours Funded Childcare

- For all families **in England** with **3 and 4-year-old children**
- **15 hours of free childcare** or early education for **38 weeks**  
<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>
- A total of **570 hours per year**, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider
- Some providers will allow you to 'stretch' the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours per week

## 30 Hours Funded Childcare

- For **working families in England** with **3 and 4-year-old children**
- **30 hours of free childcare** or early education for **38 weeks**  
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-tax-free-childcare>
- A total of **1,140 hours per year**, that you can use flexibly with one or more childcare provider
- Some providers will allow you to 'stretch' the hours over 52 weeks, using fewer hours per week
- If your working pattern and/or income has changed because of coronavirus (COVID-19), before you apply or reconfirm for 30 hours, please read [how these changes may affect your eligibility](#)

## Tax Credits for Childcare

- For working families, **in the UK** with **children under 16** (or **under 17 if disabled**)
- 70% of childcare costs, up to a cap
- If you cannot make a new claim for Tax Credits, you may be able to apply for Universal Credit instead.

## Universal Credit for Childcare

- For working families claiming Universal Credit, **in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales**
- With **children under 17\***
- Up to 85% of eligible childcare costs
- Who **are not** receiving Tax-Free Childcare

## Support whilst you Study

- Weekly payments from Care to Learn if you are at school or sixth-form college
- Help through your college if you are in further education
- A weekly grant if you are in full-time higher education