

Expansion of 30 hours childcare



Attention – Working parents!

Get 15 hours FREE childcare for your 2 year old*

***Eligibility criteria applies**

Starting from April 2024, existing childcare support will be expanded in phases. Eligibility criteria applies.

- **From April 2024, working parents of 2-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours childcare support.**

Visit childcarechoices.gov.uk to check eligibility and apply!

- By September 2025, working parents with children aged 9 months old to when they start school will be eligible for 30 hours childcare support.

Am I eligible?

Your child will qualify for a free place if both parents in a two parent family are working (or in a sole parent family, the lone parent must be working) and each parent on average earns:

- a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage (NMW) or National Living Wage (NLW)
- less than £100,000 per year.

If you cannot work you may still be eligible if your partner works and you access a qualifying disability or carers benefit.

How can I apply?

If you think you are eligible, you will be able to apply for your place via childcarechoices.gov.uk

You will be given an eligibility code if successful. Give this to your chosen childcare provider when you receive it. You will have to reconfirm eligibility every 3 months.

You will be able to find local information and lists of participating providers in Newham at **Newham Families Advice and Support | 30 hours funded entitlement**

When is my child entitled to a free place?

You must apply a term ahead to get access to the free hours from the term after i.e. apply now for a place next term

If your child's 2nd birthday is between the following we recommend you apply in this period:	Your child will become entitled to their free place from:
1 January – 31 March	the start of the summer term (from April 2024)
1 April – 31 August	the start of the autumn term (from September 2024)
1 September – 31 December	the start of the spring term (from January 2025)

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Application National Helpline: **0300 1234 097**