

# Childcare Choices in Ealing

## Free Early Education/Childcare Places for Two-year-olds

The government funds free early education / childcare places (at a nursery or with a childminder) for children aged two, whose parents are on a low income.

Children are eligible if one of the following applies:

- The family income is less than £16,190
- The family is in receipt of work related benefits including Universal Credit
- The child has a current statement of special educational needs
- The child receives disability living allowance

The free place is offered from the new term starting **after** the child's second birthday



Use the **Two-year-old Free Childcare Checker** to find out if you are eligible  
[www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](http://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk)



Ealing Family Information Service  
**020 8825 5588** (Monday-Friday: 9am-5pm)  
with Your National Insurance Number



Text Your Name to **07545 412 213**  
to get a call back



Email: [children@ealing.gov.uk](mailto:children@ealing.gov.uk)



## Free Early Education/Childcare Places for Three & Four-year-olds

**All three to four-year-olds in England can get 570 hours of free early education / childcare a year**

It's usually taken as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year, but can be taken more flexibly.

Parents can choose the type of provision they would like i.e. schools, nurseries or childminders, from a list of approved childcare providers.

Search for childcare providers through the Ealing Children & Families Directory  
[www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk](http://www.ealingfamiliesdirectory.org.uk)



Or contact Ealing Family Information Service **020 8825 5588**  
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**Apply now to receive your 30 hours eligibility code  
by August 31st for an Autumn term start**

## **Extended Hours Free Early Education & Childcare Places for 3&4 year-olds**

**The free entitlement has been extended from 15  
hours a week to 30 hours for working parents.**

All three and four-year-olds will continue to be eligible for 15 hours a week of free early education / childcare. This is called a 'universal' entitlement for all children.

The additional 15 hours free childcare entitlement will provide eligible parents with a total of 30 hours of free childcare per week, over 38 weeks. Or same number of hours across more weeks of the year.

That is an extra 570 hours of free childcare a year to use flexibly, so 1140 hours in total.

### **Financial Eligibility for Extended Hours**

Parents must each expect to work and earn (on average) at least £120 a week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage).

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

A parent will not be eligible if either parent has an income of more than £100,000.

### **How to Apply**

Check eligibility and apply through the Childcare Choices Website  
**[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)**



Or apply by telephone through the Customer Interaction Centre  
**030 0123 4097**



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