



Guide to Funding

The way funding is allocated is changing. While we are here to give every child the very best start, we are also here to help and support our parents and families too.

Hopefully, this guide may point you in the right direction.

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How the Government funding works

Working Families...

Currently – Families can receive 30 hours of funded childcare for children 3+

From April 2024 – Families can receive 15 hours of funded childcare for children 2+

September 2024 – Families can receive 15 hours of funded childcare for children 9 months +

September 2025 – Families can receive 30 hours of funded childcare for children 9 months +

..depending on your circumstances...

make the most of either 15 or 30 funded hours per week

The funded hours are provided across 38 weeks during term time and, if you're living with your partner you'll need to apply together.

Good to know that Parents:

- Should be working at least 16 hours a week
- Can be on sick leave or parental leave
- Must each earn less than £100,000 a year
- Might still be eligible while claiming benefits.

We can offer your child more than 30 hours per week, if you need them

Universal funded childcare for 3 year olds

All parents of 3 and 4 year olds can access this scheme. This funding goes towards 15 hours of childcare across 38 weeks of term time.

We can also offer the scheme to 2 year olds already in receipt of government support if:

- Parents are receiving certain benefits
- The child has a kinship or guardianship order
- The child is being looked after by a local authority
- The child has Disability Living Allowance or Special Education Needs (SEND)

You might be eligible for 15 hours' funded childcare at the same time as other government schemes or incentives. To find out more, visit:

[gov.uk/browse/benefits](https://www.gov.uk/browse/benefits)

Our parents often need their child to spend longer in nursery than funding allows, but that's not usually a problem. We offer additional, non-funded hours to fit in with your needs

Essentials & Extra's

Did you know we won:

Employer of The year 2023-2024

The Government funding is a great help towards Childcare fees but doesn't cover Essentials & Extras that makes Honeybuns the special place it is, so we ask our families to contribute towards them.

We believe that when you see what you are paying for, we think you'll understand:

Meals Snacks & Drinks

Our award winning on-site chefs prepare not only delicious home made healthy food but cater for a wide range of dietary requirements

Toiletries

We ensure we keep your child clean and comfortable at all times. We work together with parents to promote confidence and independence with potty training

Activities and Enhancements

Our fun and imaginative educational team provide stimulating opportunities to develop the key areas of skills and development

A staffing program above minimum standards

We are committed to developing our staff to be the very best in the Nursery World. We go above and beyond and offer better staff to children ratios than expected

Non-funded
hours

and

Stretched
hours

We divide your 15 or 30 hours' funding across the week during term time. Lots of parents find it even more useful to stretch those hours across the whole year.

As an example we have set below some options for you to think about, to help you get the childcare you may need

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Stretched hours

Whether it's 30 or 15 hours of funding, it only applies to the 38 weeks in term time. Most parents will choose to 'stretch' their 15 or 30 funded hours across the whole year. Usually parents can 'stretch' their 15 hours and receive up to 11.4 hours per week, while those with 30 hours could have up to 22.8 hours per week.

There are two main reasons to stretch your hours.

- Your fees will be consistent throughout the year, making it easier to manage your money.
- Your child will settle into a routine and benefit all year round from all the things they love at Honeybuns.

Non-funded hours

As an example, you used 15 hours' funding across five days during term time. That would give you three funded hours each day, which means your mornings would only be partially funded, and wouldn't quite cover the length of a session. We would then round out that time with additional, non-funded hours to cover the rest of the session or day.

Non-funded hours are charged at our standard rate, which covers everything your child will need. You can also use non-funded hours to extend your childcare into the holidays – but we would perhaps suggest stretching your hours instead.

So how will this look if I choose to stretch or use additional funded hours?? .. Here are some examples...

ONE FULL DAY

Stretched funding x 50 weeks for 10 hours from 8am to 6pm

Funded Hours Used

7.6 hours (Free childcare)

Non- Funded Hours needed

2.4 hours (based on our daily rate)

Essentials & Extras

7.6 Hours at our standard Essential & Extras rate

FULL TIME PLACE

Stretched funding x 50 weeks for 10 hours from 8am to 6pm

Funded Hours Used

22.8 hours (Free childcare)

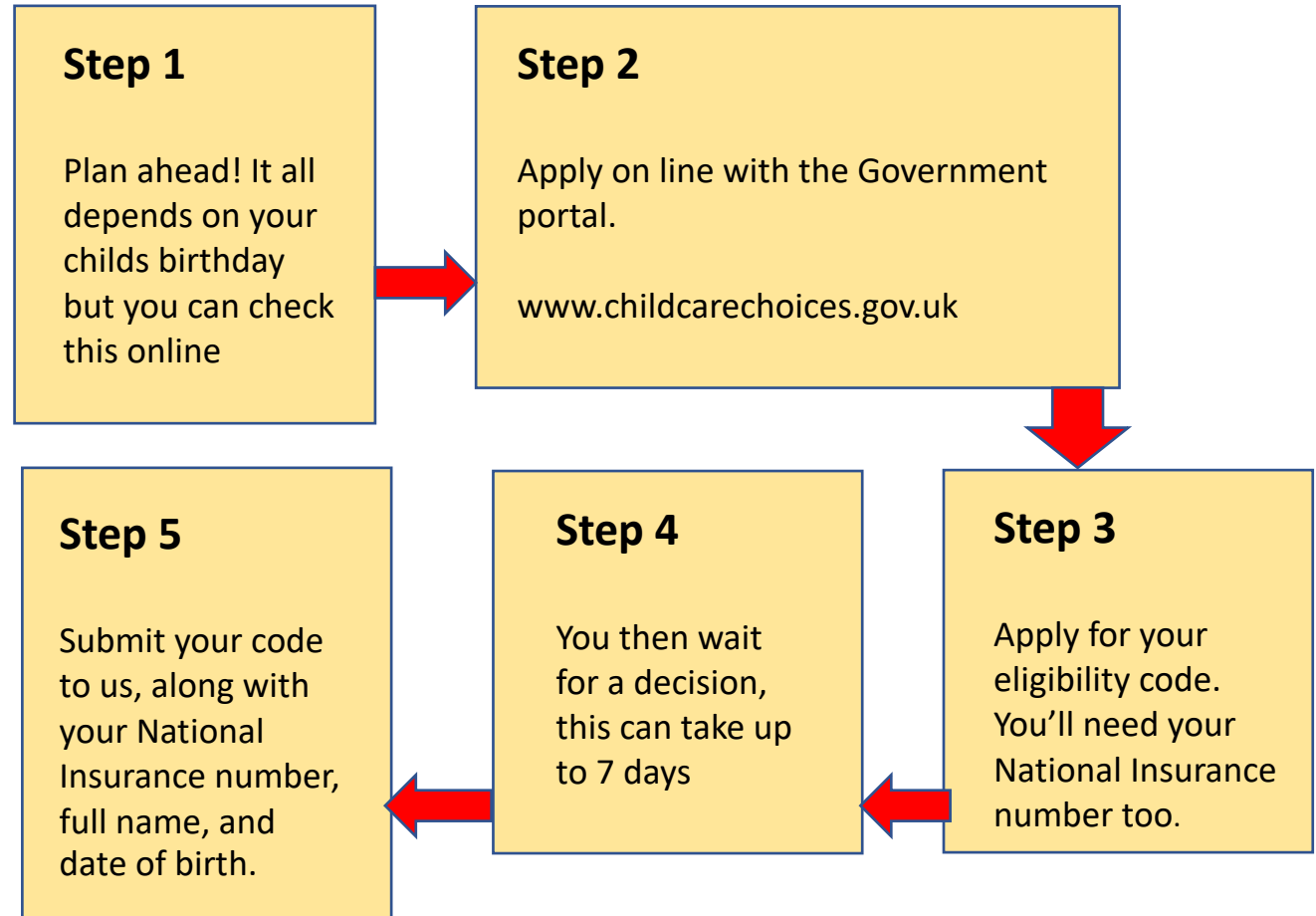
Non- Funded Hours needed

27.2 hours (based on our full time rate)

Essentials & Extras

22.8 Hours at our standard Essential & Extras rate

How do I apply for funding?



- If you're separated from your partner, you'll need to decide between you who should apply, unless only you have parental responsibility.
- For working family funded childcare, HMRC will usually send you reminders about when to reconfirm, but
- it's a great idea to set up a reminder yourself!

DON'T
FORGET !!!!

If you do not follow the
Government guidelines you
will lose your funding

We use 'Dropbox Sign' for all our
signed documents.

These will be sent to you via Email. You
can sign them on your phone, tablet or
PC.

Once signed you will have a copy sent for
your own records

- Every three months, sign into your HMRC childcare account to reconfirm your working family funding eligibility code
- We will send you a Parent Declaration form – You must complete it before the deadline.

Government Funding at a glance

Entitlement	9 months – 2 years	2 – 3 years	3 – 4 years
Pre- April 2024	All Parents		15 Hours
	Working Families		30 Hours
	Families with - special circumstances	15 Hours	
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April 2024	All Parents		15 Hours
	Working Families	15 Hours	30 Hours
	Families with - special circumstances	15 Hours	
Entitlement	9 months – 2 years	2 – 3 years	3 – 4 years
September 2024	All Parents		15 Hours
	Working Families	15 Hours	30 Hours
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