

2-Year-old Funding

You will qualify if one parent or carers is receiving one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) Universal Credit
- Tax credits and has an annual income of under £16,190 before tax
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

Or A 2-year-old can also get free early education and childcare if any of the following apply:

- They are looked after by a local authority
- They have a current statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- They get Disability Living Allowance
- They've left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order.

You must check your eligibility for the entitlement to Early Years Education Funding for their 2-year-old. You will need your National Insurance number, date of birth, name and child's details. Eligibility can be checked online:

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs> or call 0345 155 1013.

3- & 4-Year-old Funding

All 3 and 4-year-old children are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare per week based on the Hampshire council term calendar of 38 weeks per year. At Privett we offer 39 weeks of children and this additional week would fall outside the period.

A child becomes eligible for the funding the term after their 3rd birthday. So a child born in January will be eligible for free funding in the Spring term.

There also is an option to receive 15 hours of free funding (total of 30 hours). This additional 15 hours is offered to offered to working families for 3 and 4 year old's. You will need to check if you are eligible, but parents can usually get 30 hours childcare if you and your partner are in work and each are earning at least the National Minimum Wage or Living Wage for 16 hours a week and earn less than £100,000 per annum.

Eligibility can be checked at: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Other options:

TAX FREE CHILDCARE

Parents can pay fees through a Tax Free Childcare account if they are eligible. For every £8 you pay in, the government will add an extra £2, up to £2,000 per child per year, which is up to £500 every three months.

Parents can check online to see what help with childcare they are eligible for at:

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

TAX CREDITS

Tax credits are available from HM Revenue and Customs, based on your household's circumstances. You may be able to access help with the cost of childcare if you're working for a minimum of 16 hours / week.

For further information and eligibility, check online at: www.hmrc.gov.uk/taxcredits

CHILD CARE VOUCHERS

We're happy to accept child care vouchers from employers who offer this benefit to their employees. Vouchers are non-taxable and exempt from NI contributions for employees, whilst offering NI savings for employers. Both parents are eligible to claim as long as they're both in employment. Please let us know your child care voucher provider, so we can set this up for you.