

You may be entitled to free or reduced childcare in September 2017

Free 30 hours of Childcare

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours a week of free early learning.

From September 2017 the government has committed to doubling the amount of free childcare from 15 to 30 hours a week for working parents of 3 and 4 year olds.

Eligible working parents will be able to access the additional free childcare in Ofsted registered childminders, schools, nurseries and out of school club who have registered to provide Early Education Entitlement places with Birmingham City Council. Cheeky Monkeys are registered to accept the free 30 hours funding.

A child is entitled to 30 hours childcare the term after their third birthday or from the term after their family becomes eligible. Parents will need to confirm that they remain eligible every three months. The eligibility criteria is set out below.

- The parent of the child (and their partner where applicable) should also be in qualifying paid work. The definition of qualifying paid work is each parent or the single parent in a lone parent household will need to expect to earn the equivalent of 16 hours at the national living wage or their national minimum wage rate over the forthcoming quarter. This applies whether you are in paid employment, self employed or on zero hours contract.
- Where one or both parents are in receipt of benefits in connection with sickness or parenting, they are treated as though they are in paid work.
- Where one parent (in a couple household) is in receipt or could be entitled to be in receipt of specific benefits related to caring, incapacity for work or limited capability for work that they are treated as though they are in paid work.
- Where a parent is in a 'start up period' (i.e. they are newly self employed) they do not need to demonstrate that they meet the income criteria for 12 months in order to qualify for the extended entitlement.
- If either or both parents' income exceeds £100,000 they will not be eligible for the extended entitlement.

How you apply

Use the childcare calculator on the www.gov.uk website to check what help you could get with childcare costs.

You'll need to confirm you live in England and will be asked to provide your email address and your child's date of birth. You'll then be emailed with information about when the scheme will be available and how to apply.

You can also find out more on a new [Childcare Choices website](#) set up by HMRC. This also gives information about the new [Tax-Free Childcare scheme](#) and includes a [childcare calculator](#) so you can compare your different options.

Childcare schemes you don't pay tax and National Insurance on

You don't have to pay tax and National Insurance on childcare vouchers

You can get up to £55 a week from childcare vouchers, depending on how much you earn and when you joined the scheme.

Childcare vouchers may affect the amount of tax credits you get. Work out if you'd be better off taking childcare vouchers.

You may be able to get additional support with your after school and holiday club fees

Universal Credit - You may be able to claim back up to 85% of your childcare costs if you're eligible for Universal Credit

You (and your partner if you live with them) will usually need to either:

- be working - it doesn't matter how many hours you or your partner work
- have a job offer

You can get help paying for childcare for a child over 5yrs if it's provided by an Ofsted registered approved provider. Cheeky Monkeys Childcare Centre is approved.

How much you'll get

The most you can get back each month is:

- £646 for one child
- £1108 for 2 or more children

If you stop working

Tell the Universal Credit helpline if you stop working. You can continue to claim childcare costs for at least one month after your job ends.

How to claim

You can claim Universal Credit online at www.gov.uk.

Or call

Universal Credit helpline

Telephone: 0345 600 0723

Textphone: 0345 600 0743

Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm

How Cheeky Monkeys Nurseries will deliver the 30 hours funding

For a 5 day a week place

Free hours will run from 8am – 2pm Monday – Friday.

The remaining hours of 2pm - 6pm (20 hours) will be charged at £100 per week based on an hourly rate of £5 per hour. This is a flat rate and we are unable to offer any reduced rates to leave early.

There will be a charge of £4 per lunch as lunch falls during the free 30 Hours (you have the option to bring a packed lunch but this must be a healthy vegetarian containing no nuts).

Tea will be inclusive of the afternoon charge.

This option is available at Spring Road and Gooch Street

For a 4 day a week place

Free hours will run from 8am – 3.30pm pm for 4 days – These will need to be negotiated as priority will be given to full time places

The remaining hours of 3.30pm - 6pm (10 hours) will be charged at £50 per week based on an hourly rate of £5 per hour. This is a flat rate and we are unable to offer any reduced rates to leave early.

There will be a charge of £4 per lunch as lunch falls during the free 30 Hours (you have the option to bring a packed lunch but this must be a healthy vegetarian containing no nuts).

Tea will be inclusive of the afternoon charge.

This option is only available at Spring Road

For a 3 day a week place

Free hours will run from 8am – 6pm for 3 days – These will need to be negotiated as priority will be given to full time places

There will be a charge of £4 per lunch and £4 for tea as both meals fall during the free 30 hours (you have the option to bring a packed lunch but this must be a healthy vegetarian containing no nuts).

This option is only available at Spring Road

The 7.30 – 8am breakfast club will be charged at £2 per session

30 hours cannot be delivered over one or 2 days.

We only offer grant over 5 days from 8am -2pm at Cheeky Monkeys Childcare Centre in Gooch Street

Grant is given to go towards hours only and cannot be used for anything else such as food or music sessions