

CHILDCARE FUNDING

Thank you for requesting information about childcare and childcare funding. Below are some useful resources to help you to search for the right childcare and advice on the different types of funding to support you to pay for childcare.

NATIONAL ADVICE

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk - Government help with childcare costs for parents. Whether you have toddlers or teens, you could get support.

Alternatively, use this handy childcare calculator - www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator to see what you may be entitled to.

If English is not your first language you can find translated documents about childcare and funding here: [Peterborough Early Years.](#)



HM Government **Childcare Choices**

HELP PAYING FOR CHILDCARE

MONEY TOWARDS CHILDCARE

Any **one** of the following schemes...

Age	Benefit	Eligibility	Scheme Name
0-11 <small>Or 16 if disabled</small>	Get up to £2000 per child	For working families	TAX-FREE CHILDCARE
0-15 <small>Or 16 if disabled</small>	Claim back up to 85% of costs	For working families	UNIVERSAL CREDIT
0-15 <small>Or 16 if disabled</small>	Claim back up to 70% of costs	For working families	TAX CREDITS

AVAILABLE IN UK

... **can** be used with

FREE HOURS OF CHILDCARE

Age	Hours	Eligibility
2	16 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE	For families getting certain government support
3 & 4	15 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE	For all families
3 & 4	30 HOURS FREE CHILDCARE	For working families

AVAILABLE IN ENGLAND
For offices in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland check childcarechoices.gov.uk
Speak to your provider about any additional charges that may apply

For full details visit childcarechoices.gov.uk

Getting childcare vouchers? Go to GOV.UK to find out more

LOCAL ADVICE

Contact your local authority Family Information Service for information about the funding process, and to find registered childcare providers local to you.

findyourfis.daycaretrust.org.uk/kb5/findyourfis/home.page

CHILDCARE ADVICE

PACEY - Please visit our website

www.pacey.org.uk/parents/choosing-great-childcare/ for lots of advice about choosing the right childcare for you, the different types of childcare available and see what funding you could be entitled to.

This link will take you to our booklet for parents:

www.pacey.org.uk/Pacey/media/Website-files/Parent's%20essentials/Childcare-ready-to-choose.pdf

The image shows a booklet titled "Childcare: make the right choice" with the subtitle "A guide for parents". The cover features a photograph of a young child playing with toys. The booklet is divided into two pages. The left page is titled "Childcare make the right choice" and includes the PACEY logo. The right page is titled "Support with childcare costs" and contains three sections: "15 hours childcare", "30 hours childcare", and "Tax-free childcare". Each section provides details on eligibility and funding. The right page also includes a section titled "The Government has also produced a simple calculator for parents so you can check what help you could get with childcare costs" with a link to gov.uk/childcare-calculator. The right page also features a photograph of a woman kissing a young child on the cheek.

Childcare: make the right choice
A guide for parents

Support with childcare costs
The Government provides varying levels of funding to help parents and carers of children aged two and above with childcare costs. To find out what childcare options are available and for more detailed information visit: childcarechoices.gov.uk

15 hours childcare
When a child reaches age 2, they may be eligible for 15 hours of funded early education for 38 weeks of the year (term time), if parents already receive some level of support. But, all 2 and 4-year olds in England are entitled to these 15 hours each week, from the term after their 3rd birthday.

30 hours childcare
If a child has working parents, they may be entitled to 30 hours of free childcare a week (term time). Each parent, or the sole parent in a single parent family, of a 3 or 4-year old has to at least earn the equivalent of 16 hours on the national minimum wage per week, but no more than £100,000 per year to qualify. Parents can also split their funded hours allowance across more than one provider.

Tax-free childcare
Working parents can also access tax-free childcare. The Government initiative means that you can pay up to £2,000 a year in childcare costs without paying tax, or £4,000 if the child is disabled. The scheme is for parents of children up until the age of 12.

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