



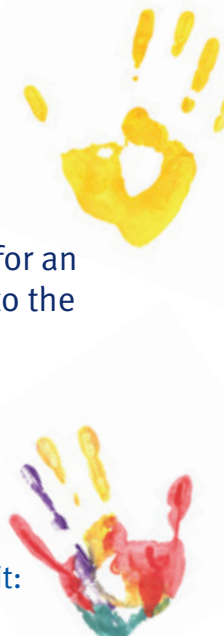
Are you eligible for up to 30 hours free childcare?

Working families of three and four-year olds can qualify for an additional 15 hours of free childcare. That's in addition to the current offer of 15 hours per term time week.

You could benefit from up to 1,140 hours of free early learning and childcare per year with participating childcare providers in Essex.

Childcare
Choices

To check if you're eligible and to apply visit:
www.childcarechoices.gov.uk



Essex County Council



The additional free hours are available to families:

- Where both parents are working, or a single parent is working in single parent families
- Earning more than the equivalent of the National Minimum Wage for working 16 hours a week
- Where each parent earns less than £100,000 per year.

Working families can also access tax-free childcare to help with the cost of childcare.

You'll need to claim your additional hours and receive your eligibility code before the start of the term to access your funding in that term.

Deadline date	Funding paid from
31 August 2018	Autumn term
31 December 2018	Spring term
31 March 2019	Summer term

Remember, if you miss the deadline, you won't be able to claim your additional hours until the next term, and may have to be pay for your childcare fees if your child starts before this.

To find out more about childcare in Essex:

Visit www.essex.gov.uk/earlyyears,

Call Family Information Service on **0800 055 6874**,

Speak to your local Family Hub or childcare provider.