



Government support for childcare costs for working parents

Get help to juggle work and life...

There is a range of government support to help with childcare costs, whether you have toddlers or teens you could get support.

Tax-Free Childcare

If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. You can use it to pay for childminders, nurseries, after school clubs and play schemes.

You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 15 or 30 hours funded childcare if you're eligible for both.

Your child must be 11 or under and usually lives with you.

For more information, please visit: www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

Early Years Entitlements for children aged 9 months to 4 years – for working parents

You may be able to get free childcare for your child aged 9 months to 4 years old if you live in England.

The amount of free childcare you can get depends on:

- your child's age and circumstances
- whether you're working (employed, self-employed, or a director)
- your income (and your partner's income, if you have one)
- your immigration status

For more information, please visit: www.gov.uk/check-eligible-free-childcare-if-youre-working

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Early Years Entitlement for 2-year-olds – for families that claim certain benefits

If you have a 2-year-old and you claim certain benefits, you may be eligible for 15 hours of funded childcare under a separate scheme.

For more information, please visit www.bury.gov.uk/eec

Early Years Entitlement for 3 & 4-year-olds – universal entitlement for ALL children

All children that live in the UK are entitled to 15 hours of funded childcare from the term following their 3rd birthday.

For more information, please visit: www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-3-to-4-year-olds

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 does not matter how many hours you or your partner work
- have a job offer

For more information, please visit: www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/universal-credit

Wraparound Childcare

Wraparound childcare is before and after school childcare for primary school aged children in England.

The provision typically runs from around 8am until 6pm, during term time, either on a school site or another local setting such as a community centre, a nursery, or a childminder.

This is different from out-of-school activities, or school clubs, which are less frequent and can be a one-off activity.

All parents in England with primary school aged children are eligible to access wraparound childcare.

For more information, please speak to your child's school or contact our Family Information Service at childinfo@bury.gov.uk

Childcare Choices

Visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk where you will be able to enter your details and find out which of the above options you may be eligible for.

You can also read about existing childcare support schemes and sign up for updates.

Useful Contacts

For any enquiries regarding accessing your childcare entitlement in Bury, please email us earlyyearsfunding@bury.gov.uk

For any enquiries regarding the Wraparound Childcare Programme in Bury, please email our Project Lead, Rebecca Hunter at R.Hunter@bury.gov.uk