



**Up to 30  
hours of free  
childcare  
for working  
parents of  
3 and 4 year  
olds**

**Currently all 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours of free early education over 38 weeks. From September 2017, children whose parents are eligible, will be able to access up to a further 15 hours with a childminder, private day nursery, pre-school and some schools.**

**Some parents may choose to take additional hours at Breakfast, After-School and Holiday Club.**

**Both parents or the lone parent needs to be working.**

**Each parent earns, on average:**

- A weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage or national living wage. Equivalent to £120 per week for over 25s.
- Less than £100,000 per year.

**Families where one parent does not work (or neither parent works) will not usually be eligible for the extended entitlement.**

However in other certain circumstances parents may be eligible for the additional hours.

Please check eligibility by visiting [www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator) or [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Access this and other information on the web at [www.wakefield.gov.uk/earlyfree](http://www.wakefield.gov.uk/earlyfree)

