

# Expansion of 30 hours childcare



## Attention – Working parents!

### Get 15 hours FREE childcare for your 2 year old\*

\*Eligibility criteria applies

Starting from April 2024, existing childcare support will be expanded in phases. Eligibility criteria applies.

- **From April 2024, working parents of 2-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours childcare support.**

**Visit [childcarechoices.gov.uk](https://childcarechoices.gov.uk) to check eligibility and apply!**

- By September 2025, working parents with children aged 9 months old to when they start school will be eligible for 30 hours childcare support.

**Am I eligible?**

**Your child will qualify for a free place if both parents in a two parent family are working (or in a sole parent family, the lone parent must be working) and each parent on average earns:**

- a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum Wage (NMW) or National Living Wage (NLW)
- less than £100,000 per year.

If you cannot work you may still be eligible if your partner works and you access a qualifying disability or carers benefit.

**How can I apply?**

If you think you are eligible, you will be able to apply for your place via [childcarechoices.gov.uk](https://childcarechoices.gov.uk)

You will be given an eligibility code if successful. Give this to your chosen childcare provider when you receive it. You will have to reconfirm eligibility every 3 months.

You will be able to find local information and lists of participating providers in Newham at **Newham Families Advice and Support | 30 hours funded entitlement**

**When is my child entitled to a free place?**

You must apply a term ahead to get access to the free hours from the term after i.e. apply now for a place next term

If your child's 2nd birthday is between the following we recommend you apply in this period:	Your child will become entitled to their free place from:
1 January – 31 March	the start of the summer term (from April 2024)
1 April – 31 August	the start of the autumn term (from September 2024)
1 September – 31 December	the start of the spring term (from January 2025)

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Application National Helpline: **0300 1234 097**