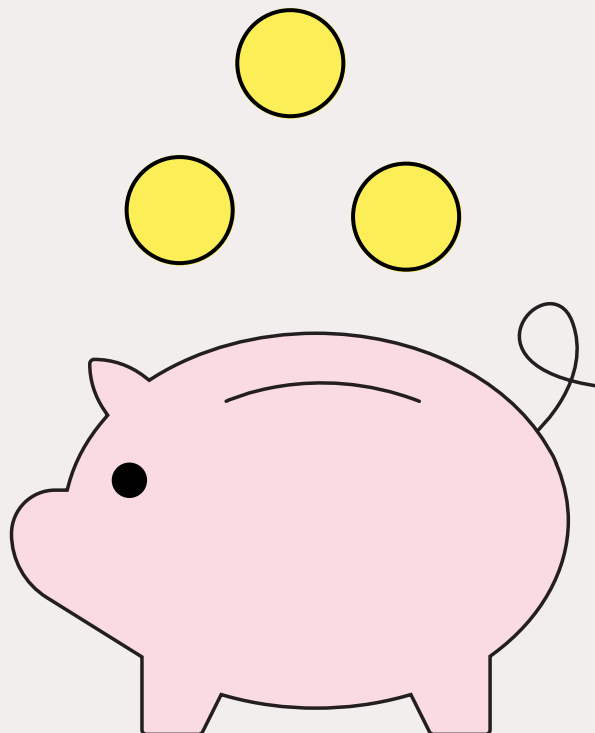
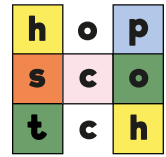


CHILDREN'S NURSERY

# A Guide to Government Funding at Hopscotch



# Government Funding Explained



## Universal Funded Childcare for 3-year-olds:

All 3 and 4-year-olds qualify for this scheme from the term after their 3rd birthday. This entitles you to up to 15 hours of childcare per week over 38 weeks.

## Working Families Funded Childcare:

Up to 15 hours for children 9 months+ and extended funding up to 30 hours for 3-year-olds.

## From April 2024:

Existing childcare support will be expanded in 3 main phases. By September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 years will be entitled to up to 30 hours of childcare support. This is for eligible working parents, and they must meet the criteria set out by HM Government.

- **April 2024:** Families can receive up to 15 hours of funded childcare for children over 2 years.
- **September 2024:** Families can receive up to 15 hours of funded childcare for children over 9 months.
- **September 2025:** Families can receive up to 30 hours of funded childcare for children over 9 months.

## Parents:

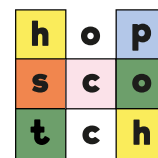
- You and your partner must each expect to earn (on average) at least £167 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) but must earn less than £100,000 a year.
- You may still be eligible if you, or your partner, are on maternity/paternity or adoption leave, or unable to work due to disability or caring responsibilities.

## Childcare support for disadvantaged 2-year-olds:

Some 2-year-olds may be eligible to receive up to 15 hours if for example you:

- Receive certain benefits
- Child receives Disability Living Allowance or has Special Educational Needs (SEND).
- Under a special guardianship or being looked after by a local authority or adopted.
- You will need to apply via your local council rather than Childcare Choices to see if you qualify.

# How to Apply For Funding



For Working Family Funding you will need to apply for an eligibility code.

You should be applying for your eligibility code in plenty of time prior to when you wish to access it. You cannot apply for your code and use it in the same term.

## Eligible From:

A child turning 9 months+ between:	Can be funded from:
1st September to 31st December	January
1st January to 31st March	April
1st April to 31st August	September

## Working Family Funding for when the child becomes eligible:

Recommended time to apply for eligibility code	Last date to apply for eligibility code:
15th October to 30th November	by 31st December to be funded from January Spring Term
15th January to 28th February	by 31st March to be funded from April Summer Term
15th June to 31st July	by 31st August to be funded from September Autumn Term

## How to apply:

### Working Family Funded Childcare

Step 1: Visit the government website [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

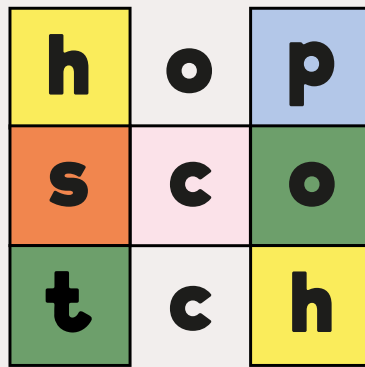
Step 2: Apply for your eligibility code.

Step 3: Once you receive the code, email it to [office@hopscotchmail.com](mailto:office@hopscotchmail.com) along with your National Insurance number, child's full name, and date of birth.

Step 4: Complete the Parent Declaration Form - emailed to you via Funding Loop in the month before the start of term.

**Step 5: Remember to reconfirm your eligibility when prompted every three months to ensure your code remains valid.**

Every childcare setting may apply the funding to bookings in a slightly different way. To find out how we apply the funding at Hopscotch, please see our [Fees and Funding](#) pages and our [FAQ's](#) section.



**Any questions?**

You can speak to your nursery manager, or email Hopscotch  
Head Office at **[office@hopscotchmail.com](mailto:office@hopscotchmail.com)**

