

Funding a 3 and 4 Year Old Nursery Place

Wiltshire Council Early Years Funding – Parent Guide

When Your Child Turns 3

Children become eligible for funded early education from the start of the term following their third birthday, in line with Wiltshire Council guidance.

Universal Early Education Entitlement

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of funded early education per week. This entitlement is universal and does not require an application.

Choosing Nursery Sessions

Parents choose nursery sessions with their chosen provider, using funded hours flexibly across the week where available.

Do You Need More Than 15 Hours?

Some working families may be eligible for the extended entitlement of up to 30 funded hours per week.

Extended 30 Hours Entitlement

Eligible parents must apply through the government Childcare Choices website to check eligibility for the extended entitlement.

30 Hours Eligibility Code

If eligible, parents will be issued with an eligibility code and a reconfirmation date.

Sharing the Code with the Nursery

Parents must provide the eligibility code and National Insurance number to the nursery so it can be validated through Wiltshire Council systems.

Funding Agreement Completed

Parents complete a Wiltshire Council parent declaration or funding agreement form to confirm how funded hours will be used.

Child Attends Nursery

Funded hours are applied to the child's agreed sessions in line with Wiltshire Council funding rules.

Reconfirmation

Parents must reconfirm their eligibility every three months to continue receiving the extended entitlement.

Please note: Funding begins at the start of a school term and is subject to Wiltshire Council Early Years Funding conditions. Funding may change if family circumstances change.