

Nursery Funding

24U Funding

In England, some 2-year olds are entitled to up to 15 hours of free childcare per week. The 24U scheme offers 15 hours of free early years education to eligible children. Please click on the link below to find out more about the scheme, whether your child is eligible and how to apply.

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/early-years-and-childcare/parents-and-carers/childcare-funding/24u-funding/>

Universal Entitlement

In England all 3- and 4-year olds are entitled to **free** childcare places of up to 15 hours per week over 38 weeks or a total of 570 hours in each 12-month period from the date the child becomes eligible. For 3- and 4-year olds, this is known as the universal entitlement or 15 hours **free** childcare.

Cleobury Gateway Nursery offers 15 hours of free childcare for all 3-4-year olds in line with this universal entitlement.

If you are interested in applying for a free place, click on the link below for more information or come in and talk to us.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Extended Entitlement

Children in some families will now be entitled to an additional 15 hours of free childcare, otherwise known as the 30 Hours Childcare or Extended Entitlement.

You may be eligible for 30 hours of free childcare if your circumstances are as follows:

- Both parents are earning or expect to earn the equivalent to 16 hours at National Minimum or Living Wage over the coming three months
- This equates to £120 a week (around £6,240 per year) for each parent over 25 years old or £112.80 (around £5,800 per year) for each parent between 21 and 24 years old
- This applies whether you are in paid employment, self-employed or on a zero hours contract
- The parent (and their partner where applicable) should be seeking the free childcare to enable them to work.
- Where one or both parents are on maternity, paternity, shared parental or adoption leave, or if they are on statutory sick leave.
- Where one parent meets the income criteria and the other is unable to work because they are disabled, have caring responsibilities or have been assessed as having limited capability to work.

- Where a parent is in a 'start-up period' (i.e. they are newly self-employed) they do not need to demonstrate that they meet the income criteria for 12 months.
- If a non-EEA national, the parent must have recourse to public funds.

Cleobury Gateway Nursery offers 30 hours of free childcare for 3-4-year olds, and some two-year olds in line with this extended entitlement. If you are interested in applying for a free place, click on the link below for more information or come in and talk to us.

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