

September 2026 Nursery & Wrap Around Care Fee Increase.

In line with the increase to the free funding rates, the Nursery and Wrap Around Care Hourly Rate is being increased to **£6.00 an hour** from **September 2026**.

Tax Free Childcare can be used for Nursery and Wrap Around Care Fees: <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Nursery Free Funded Hours. (Our Nurseries only admit children from 2 years old).

Free funding can be used for Nursery and Wrap Around Care.

All 3 and 4 Year olds get 15 hours of free funding. Some 2 year olds maybe eligible for 15 hours (24U) if the household is in receipt of Universal Credit.

30 hours of free childcare is also available to children from 9 months up to school starting age if eligible.

30 hours of free funded childcare is available if the following applies:

- you earn at least 16 hours at minimum wage and less than £100,000 a year adjusted net income, which is your income after some tax reliefs and deductions.

If you're a couple, you'll both need to earn between these amounts.

If you already get 15 funded hours of childcare (24U) from the government, you can't get these hours as well.

You can get the 15 hours of funded childcare at the same time as using Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit for childcare.

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

Tax Free Nursery or Wrap Around Care Sessions.

For those parents who use any of the Tax-Free Childcare schemes, you will need to request the payments from your Tax-Free Childcare scheme in plenty of time to allow the money to be received into the SGET bank account so the Finance Team can Top Up your children(s) Arbor account.

