

Funding:

All 3 and 4-year-olds are entitled to 15 hours, term time funded Early Education from the term after their 3rd birthday (*There is no application process for this*).

An additional 15 hours of funded childcare is available for families where both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone-parent family), and each parent earns the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the national minimum or living wage and earns less than £100,000 a year.

Check your eligibility for 30 hours at:

<http://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker>

Applications must be made via the Gov.uk website, with codes reconfirmed every 3 months.

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

We also offer the option of wrap-around care in preschool, extending the day from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm for just £3.

Additional afternoon sessions are available upon request, subject to availability, and are charged at a rate of £6 per hour. This offer allows for flexibility.

Advance payment for extra sessions ensures the booking is secured; however, payments will be non-refundable if sessions are missed.

For more Early Years information, please visit:

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/childrens-services/schools-and-learning/early-years/families/choosing-a-childcare-provider/paying-for-childcare/>

When to apply

If you are eligible, you can start claiming a funded place from the term after your child's 3rd birthday. The table below shows when you can access a place and when to apply so your child can start as soon as they are eligible.

Childs birthday	When you can access a place	When you can apply from
1 April – 31 August	1 September (autumn term)	1 April
1 September – 31 December	1 January (spring term)	1 September
1 Jan – 31 March	1 April (summer term)	1 January

Please complete the attached application form and return to:

admin.holyfamilyprimary@schools.sefton.gov.uk