

Early Years Funding Entitlements

Funding Period		Dates child turns eligible age
1 January – 31 March	Spring	1 September – 31 December
1 April – 31 August	Summer	1 January – 31 March
1 September – 31 December	Autumn	1 April – 31 August

Name of funding	Funded Two's	Universal	Working Parent	
Age at start of funding period	2 years old	3-4 years olds	9 months +	3 – 4 years old
Max no of hours	15 hours	15 hours ^	30 hours	15 hours ^ (^ 30 hours in total)
Where to apply	Cambridgeshire children Apply for Education Welfare Benefits - Introduction - Cambridgeshire County Council website Children outside Cambridgeshire need to apply through their home LA	N/A	Best Start in Life (formerly known as Childcare Choices) https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/	
Eligibility code	Codes issued by Cambridgeshire start EWB Other LAs are in a different format	N/A	WP 11-digit code starting 11 or 50 For children in care see * below	
Eligibility information	Entitlement is from the funding period after the child turns 2 years old No need to reconfirm code Eligibility continues until the child can access their 3+ years universal entitlement (regardless of any change to circumstances) If a parent/carer has an authorisation code (EWB) and an eligibility code (WPE), the child can access up to 30 hours of funding. In this case the Funded 2's hours should be claimed first and then the WPE used for the remaining hours up to a total of 30 hours.	Entitlement is from the funding period after the child turns 3 years old	Entitlement is from the funding period after the child turns 9 months old Application deadline dates: 31 December for Spring funding 31 March for Summer funding 31 August for Autumn funding Code needs to be re-confirmed and reminders are sent every 3 months	
Check code in portal?	✓		✓	
Where do hours go on portal claim?	Funded/Universal	Funded/Universal	Expanded/Extended	
DAF	✓	✓	✓	
Deprivation **		✓	✓	
EYPP ** (max 15 hrs)	✓	✓	✓	

*** Guidance for children in care of the local authority for Working Parent funded hours:**

- Social worker makes an application to the County Council's Education Welfare Benefits team to get an eligibility code starting 40 which should be checked in the portal.

**** Supplements:**

- Deprivation for 3+ years, can be applied to both universal and extended hours, if postcode matches IDACI ranks, set nationally.
- Early Years Pupil Premium can be paid to eligible children from 9+ months and applied up to a maximum of 15 funded hours.

For more information please look at our webpage:

www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/childcare-and-early-learning/information-for-parents-and-carers/early-years-funding