

Hi [Parent or carer's name],

Thanks for enquiring about the changes to the 30 hours funded early education that was recently announced in the Budget.

The first of these changes won't come into effect until April next year, so as yet, we don't have all the information we need from the government regarding how these additional hours will be funded. That means we can't yet promise how we will offer them.

Unfortunately, the government has a long history of not funding these kinds of "free" places properly. For example, the current 30 funded hours for 3- and 4-year-olds are estimated to be underfunded by about £1.8 billion.

That being said, here's what we can share with you so far...

- The government plans that the changes to the 30 hours of funding will start taking effect in April 2024, with 15 funded hours per week, during term-time (or for 38 weeks a year) for 2-year-olds with working parents..
- In September 2024, the government plans to introduce 15 funded hours for children 9 months+, with working parents, during term-time (or for 38 weeks a year).
- In September 2025, they will introduce 30 funded hours for 9 months+, with working parents, during term-time (or for 38 weeks a year).

You can read the [official announcement from the government here](#) and hopefully, we'll be able to share more soon about how these additional funded hours might work for you.

If you have any other questions please do let me know!

All the best,

[Your setting]