

# Early Education and Childcare

## Free early education and childcare for three and four year olds



All three and four year olds are entitled to 570 hours free early education per year until they start full-time school after their fourth birthday, but can remain in part-time free early education until the term after their fifth birthday.

**From September 2017, working families who meet a national criteria may be eligible for 30 hours free childcare (a total of 1140 hours per year).**

You can choose to take these hours at one provider or split them between providers.

Three and four year olds can access their free early education and/or free childcare hours the term after their third birthday.

<b>My child is born between:</b>	<b>My child can have a free place:</b>
1 April – 31 August	The start of term beginning on or following 1 September after their third birthday
1 September – 31 December	The start of term beginning on or following 1 January after their third birthday
1 January – 31 March	The start of term beginning on or following 1 April after their third birthday

To find out if you are eligible and to apply please visit [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parents](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/parents)

