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**YOU CAN NOW GET
THIS MUCH MORE
EARLY LEARNING
& CHILDCARE.**



Up to **30 hours** a week, that's free to you!



MORE TIME TO PLAY OUTSIDE WITH FRIENDS.

From August 2020, your **2, 3 or 4 year old** could benefit from **1140 hours** a year of Early Learning and Childcare, that's free to you, funded by the Scottish Government and local authorities. That works out at about **30 hours** a week if you use it during school term-time, or around 22 hours a week if you use it year-round.

What are the big benefits of Early Learning & Childcare?

Early Learning and Childcare gives your wee one a real boost in confidence and independence, as well as building on their language and development. It's a great way for them to make friends and play with lots of other children, while learning new things.

It can also give you the time to develop your skills, go back to work, get stuff done around the house, or even just to recharge your batteries.



Where can my child get their hours?

From August 2020 any provider who meets the new National Standard, has a space available and is happy to enter into a contract with the local authority can offer your child a funded place. Each setting will be different and it is best to ask what they offer.



These settings could include:

- Nurseries – this could be a nursery at a family centre or a school, a private or charity-run nursery, or any other type
- Childminders
- Outdoor settings
- Gaelic or specialised settings
- Playgroups
- Or a mixture of the above

Your child might be able to access:

- Full days
- Part days
- School days
- Term time or year round
- More than one provider

This depends on what's available in your area.



MORE TIME TO BOOST THEIR CONFIDENCE.

Do we have to take all of the funded hours?

No, you can choose to access all or part of the 1140 hours available to your child.

What do I have to do now?

Your local authority will have its own application process and dates – which means you might have to apply soon. Contact them to find out when and how to apply, or to get more information about the range of providers in your area.

Where can I find out more?

To find out more about what you're entitled to, the benefits of Early Learning and Childcare, or to find details for your local authority, visit:

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