



## Information for Parents

### What is the Early Years Funding?

All three- and four-year-olds can get up to 570 hours of free early years education per year. Your child will become eligible for free early years education in the term following your child's third birthday.

[More information on the free early years education for three- and four-year-olds](#)

Some two-year-olds are also eligible. Devon County Council receives a list from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) approximately every six weeks, listing the names and address of parents with eligible two-year-old children in Devon. If you are eligible you will be sent a "Golden Ticket" to confirm your two-year-old is eligible for a place. Please take the Golden Ticket directly to your early years and childcare provider so your child can start without delay. The Golden Ticket looks like this:



If you receive a Purple ticket, this indicates that you may be eligible you will need to [check this online](#) (or an assisted application can be made by phone where necessary. Please call 0345 155 1013).

[More information on the free early years education for two-year-olds](#)

If you have a child:

- Health and Care Plan
- or your child has left care under a special guardian ship order, child arrangements order or adoption order,
- or is in receipt of Disability Living Allowance

you should apply through contacting the Early Years Education Funding helpdesk on 01392 385530 or [eyef@devon.gov.uk](mailto:eyef@devon.gov.uk)

## How do I get the Early Years Funding?

Your early years provider will collect information about your child. You will need to discuss the sessions available and agree funded and chargeable time that you wish to book. Your early years provider will claim the funding from Devon County Council.

If you cannot find suitable provision at times when you need it please let Devon County Council know by completing the [unable to find childcare form](#).

## When can I access the Early Years Funding?

This is often taken as 15 hours per week for 38 weeks a year during school term time. However, it can be taken as less hours per week all year round.

You can use a minimum of 2.5 hours and a maximum of 10 hours a day between 7am and 7pm. You can use a minimum of 2.5 hours and a maximum of 15 hours per week. This can be shared between two providers.

Ask your childcare provider how they are offering the entitlement to early years education funding.

## Early Years Pupil Premium

Early years providers can get extra money to enhance the education they provide to support children's development, learning and care. [More information on the Early Years Pupil Premium](#)

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