



30 hours Funded Childcare

From September 2025 for all children over 9 months

HOW TO ACCESS

- 1 Apply for your childcare account online via [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk)
- 2 Receive your code
- 3 Share eligibility code with your provider

30 HOURS FREE VS TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

Tax-Free Childcare is different: For every £8 you add, the government adds £2. Up to £2,000 a year per child.

WHY YOU SHOULD APPLY:

It's entirely free and helps cut the cost of your childcare fees.



EXAMPLE BASED ON SPREADING HOURS

George attends 3 days a week [31.5 hours] and is eligible for 30 funded hours.

Funded hours spread across the year:
 $30 \text{ hrs} \times 38 \text{ weeks} \div 51 = 22.35 \text{ hrs/week.}$

Weekly cost:

- Consumables: £23.47
- Non funded hours: £71.46
- Total: £223.47 + £71.46 = £94.83

Monthly Invoice (52 weeks):

$£94.83 \times 51 \div 12 = £403.45$ per month

With Tax-Free Childcare:
you pay £336.22



KEY DATES & DEADLINES

- Apply between 1st September and 31st December to receive funding from 1st January 2026.
- If your child is in nursery, book free hours in advance to secure additional days.



At Pepperberry we offer all-year-round funding, which spreads the free hours over 51 weeks - giving around 22 hours a week instead of 30. Check with your provider to find out more.