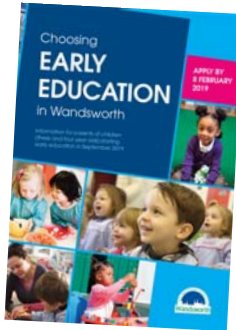


## How do I apply for a place?

You will need to make an application directly to your chosen childcare provider.

If you need help with finding a place you can:

- get information on how to apply in the booklet 'Choosing Early Education in Wandsworth'.
- The booklet is available from:
  - The Early Education and Childcare Team
  - Children's Centres
  - Family Information Service
  - Libraries
  - Schools
- You can also download the booklet and find an up to date list of childcare providers offering free early education at:  
[www.wandsworth.gov.uk/thriveonline](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/thriveonline)
- talk to the Early Education and Childcare Team on **(020) 8871 7899**, or email [eecp@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:eecp@wandsworth.gov.uk)



If you have any questions about the information contained in this leaflet, or if you need it in an alternative format, e.g. large print, Braille or audio tape, please call **020 8871 7899** or email [eecp@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:eecp@wandsworth.gov.uk)



Have you applied for an **EARLY EDUCATION PLACE** in a school?

**APPLY BY  
8 FEB  
2019**

Information for parents of children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016

Please note, if your child is almost five years old, you will need to apply for a primary school place. For more information and advice contact Pupil Services on **(020) 8871 7899** or email [admissions@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@wandsworth.gov.uk) or visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/admissions)

## What is an Early Education place?

All three and four-year-old children can have up to 570 hours of free early education per year. This is usually offered for 15 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year.

It is available until a child starts reception class in a primary school.

If your child is three to four years old, you can apply for a free early education place the term after your child's third birthday.

You can apply for a place at:

- your local primary school
- pre-schools
- day nurseries
- childminders

If you are already paying for your child to attend a provider, don't worry, you may still be able to claim a free early education place.

For more information ask your childcare provider.

Please note: some childcare providers may charge for additional services.

**The closing date for nursery places within primary schools is Friday 8 February 2019.**



## What are the benefits of early education for my child?

Early education helps children to gain more confidence by:

- developing their communication skills by being with other children and adults
- improving physical and mental skills by playing indoors and outdoors
- exploring and expanding their imagination by listening to stories

## When does my three to four-year-old child qualify for a free place?

The table below shows when your child qualifies for a free place.

If your child is born between:	They are eligible for a place from *	When the child can attend a council run Nursery **
1 September – 31 December 2015	1 January 2019 (Spring)	1 September 2019
1 January – 31 March 2016	1 April 2019 (Summer)	1 September 2019
1 April – 31 August 2016	1 September 2019 (Autumn)	1 September 2019

\* Places are available with childminders, private nurseries and pre-schools.

\*\* Please note many schools will also take children in January 2020 if they have a place.

## Can I get 30 hours of Early Education?

Some working families can claim an additional 15 hours free childcare for their three and four-year-old. This is made up of the universal 15 hours, and an additional 15 hours (The 30 Hour Offer).

Applications must be made the term before your child takes up their place:

If your child is born between:	To claim your 30 hours from:	You must apply before:
1 April – 31 August 2016	1 September 2019	31 August 2019
1 September - 31 December 2016	1 January 2020	31 December 2019
1 January - 31 March 2017	1 April 2020	31 March 2020

Visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/30hours](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/30hours) for more information.

## Two-year-old Early Education Places

Some two-year-olds can have up to 15 hours free Early Education if they meet the government's criteria. The place can start the term after the child's second birthday.

For more information and to apply online visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/2yo](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/2yo)