

# Childcare Reforms – Overall Programme

## Summary

The Budget announced a range of measures to support education and help parents with childcare so they can return to work more easily



**Entitlements:** Eligible working parents in England will be able to access 30 hours of free childcare per week, for 38 weeks a year, from when their child is 9 months old to when they start school. Govt will also increase the hourly rate for providers.



**Wraparound:** The government will invest £289m over two academic years, from Sept 2024, to enable schools and local areas to set up wraparound childcare provision



**Market reforms,** including more choice for childminders and changes to EYFS requirements, to improve flexibility for providers and support the workforce.



**Changing staff:child ratios** from 1:4 to 1:5 for two-year-olds in England to align with Scotland and provide greater flexibility for providers



**Childminder grants** to attract people to childminding, with £1200 for those who register with a childminder agency and £600 for those who register with Ofsted



**Universal Credit reforms** will pay childcare support up-front when parents move into work or increase their hours and increase the monthly re-imbusement caps



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These will be rolled out in stages, to ensure enough supply in the system

Autumn  
2023

- Childminder grants become available
- Invest £204m into 3/4yo and 2yo funding rate
- Staff:child 2yo ratio change

April  
2024

- 15hrs for eligible working parents of 2-year-olds introduced
- Invest £288m into 3/4 yo and 2yo funding rates

Sept  
2024

- National wraparound support begins
- 15hrs for eligible working parents of children 9 months plus introduced

Sept  
2025

- 30hrs for eligible working parents of children from 9 months to primary school age introduced

Sept  
2026

- All schools able to offer 8am-6pm wraparound on their own or in partnership

# Wraparound programme overview



Government is investing **£289 million** to expand wraparound childcare for primary school -aged pupils



The ambition is for all parents of primary school children who need it to be able to **access childcare in their local area from 8am – 6pm**. To help parents have enough childcare to work full time, more hours and with flexible hours



Funding will support local authorities to work with primary schools and private, voluntary and independent providers including childminders to **introduce or expand childcare provision between 8am and 6pm** and enable them to **test flexible** ways of providing childcare and **gather evidence of what works**



Parents of primary school aged children will still be expected to pay for this provision, as this **programme aims to increase the availability of childcare, rather than subsidise childcare**, but support with costs will be available to eligible parents through Universal Credit childcare and Tax -Free Childcare



Parents should expect to see an expansion in the availability of wraparound care from **September 2024**, with every parent who needs it able to access term -time wraparound childcare by September 2026