

# Are you READY, STEADY or GO for funded childcare!

Will your child celebrate their second or third birthday in January, February or March? <sup>1</sup>  
or  
Was your child 2, or 3 on 31 December? <sup>2</sup>

**No, not yet**

Sorry, you have a little longer to wait for funded childcare

**READY!**

Check to find which funded childcare entitlement is available  
  
Visit [Childcare Choices](#)

**I need some help**

Contact the Family Information Service for some advice  
**0344 800 8020**

**STEADY!**

**My family** is getting some form of government support

**My child**

- is Looked after by a local authority
- has an EHC plan
- gets Disability Living Allowance
- Has left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order

  
**Working Families**

**All Families**

**GO!**

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Apply for a **NEO code**

**Apply** for a HMRC code or **Sign in** to re-confirm

Find an approved childcare provider that meets your needs **AND** can confirm the earliest start date  
**Need Help?** Search our [Community Directory](#) or contact the [Family Information Service](#)



**IMPORTANT:**

- The start date for your child's funded childcare will depend on their date of birth and your chosen providers admissions age / availability  
<sup>1</sup> Earliest start date will be **1 April**  
<sup>2</sup> Earliest start date will be **1 January**
- A HMRC code **must be** obtained **before** the claim period start date **and re-confirmed** every 90 days to keep it valid
- Your funding **may not be free**, ask your provider **BEFORE** agreeing your childcare arrangement if there are any extra charges
- If you have childcare costs to pay, you may be eligible for [Tax-Free Childcare](#) or [Universal Credit for Childcare](#)