

Applying for Funding

How and when you need to apply for your funding depends on your child's age, the scheme and some other factors. We've broken it down for you

When to apply

You might be wondering when your child will be able to use the 15 and 30 hours of Government funding. It's all down to when their birthday falls, so make sure you plan ahead. For WPE, you'll need to apply online for an eligibility code.

Working Parent Entitlement

Universal 15 hrs

Best time to apply	Cut off and last date	Turning 3 between:	Funded from:
15th June - 31 July	by 31st Aug for 1st Sep	1st Sep - 31st Dec	1st Jan
15th Oct - 30th Nov	by 31st Dec for 1st Jan	1st Jan - 31st Mar	1st Apr
15th Jan-28th Feb	by 31st Mar for 1st April	1st Apr-31st Aug	1st Sep

Don't forget! Every 3 mths, sign into your HMRC account to reconfirm your code. If you forget or do not apply for your code in time we will not be able to claim funding for your child from Surrey and you will have to pay our daily fee for all hours.

How to apply for WPE

Visit the [gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare](https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-childcare)

Provide supporting documents, like your child's passport

Apply for your eligibility code. You'll need your NI number too.

Wait for a decision, this may take up to 7 days

Submit your eligibility code along with your NI, full name and date of birth

Remember to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 mths



Guide to Government funding and SPS Fees

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Government Funding explained

Understanding childcare funding can be complex. In England, there are two government funding programmes available. Depending on your circumstances, you may be eligible for either 15 or 30 funded hours per week.

Here's how it all works:

Working Parent Entitlement (WPE)

This scheme is for qualifying working parents - families can receive 30 hours of funded childcare for children 9 months+

Parents:

- Should be working at least 16 hours a week
- Can be on sick leave or parental leave
- Must each earn less than £100,000 a year
- Might still be eligible while claiming benefits.

There are some other specific things that can affect your eligibility, You can read more about this and apply on the government website: childcarechoices.gov.uk/

15 Hour funding for 3 year olds

This funding goes towards 15 hours of childcare and education per wk over 38 term weeks. All 3-year-olds qualify for this funding starting the term after their 3rd birthday.

Here's what you need to know:

- All 3 and 4-year-olds qualify for this scheme.
- You may be eligible for 15 hours of funding alongside other Government schemes. Learn more at gov.uk/browse/benefits.

15 Hour funding for 2 year olds

This is funding for 15 hours per wk if the following applies;

- Parents are receiving certain benefits
- The child is in receipt of Disability Allowance or Special Education Need (SEND)
- The child has a kinship or guardianship order
- The child is looked after by a local authority

You can read more about this and apply;

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/children/support-and-advice/families/childcare>



Funding and Fees at SPS

Funding Type	Hrs Offered	Available	Extra days/hrs
WPE	30 over 5 days	Mon-Thurs 9am-3.45pm Fri 9am-12pm	Extended day 3.45-5pm £10 per day
15 Hours (Universal and 2 yr old)	15 over 2.5 days	Mon - Thurs 9am-3pm Fri 9am - 12pm	Extended day 3pm-5pm £15 per day Additional days charged at £54

- 15-hour funding may not be immediately available upon qualification due to intake nature.
- We offer 15 hours of funded education over 2 full days and a Friday morning.
Every term you'll need to sign a LA declaration form for all funded hours

Government funding doesn't fully cover your child's hours or the essential extras that we just wouldn't be SPS without. As a charity, all income from fees, fundraising, contributions and charges is reinvested into improving our provision for your children, we also have our 'Wish Tree' with our wish list of resources we always need at SPS

*Meal Provision	Extra days	Early bird club	Extended day <small>(available in preschool year)</small>	*Voluntary Contribution
£5.50 per day	£54 per day	8.45-9am £3 (ad-hoc 24 hr notice)	WPE £15 Univesal £10	50p per funded hr

*You are under no obligation to pay this amount to receive your funded sessions.