

# Early Years Funding Options

There are a number of different options available for funding your child's nursery place, some may rely on meeting certain eligibility criteria. Please have a look at the following information and if you have any questions please ask Lisa.

## Free For 2 Funding

This funding is for 2yr olds from low income families. If you are eligible you will be given a code, which you will need to pass on to us, this will enable us to claim a maximum of 15hrs per week funding for your child. This funding can be accessed from the term after your child's second birthday.

## Working Parents Funding 9mth-4yrs

This funding is only available to families where both parents (or a single parent) are working the equivalent of 16hrs per week at minimum wage. If you are eligible you will be given a code, which you will need to pass on to us, this will enable us to claim a maximum of 30hrs per week funding for 2yr & 3yr olds. You will be asked to re-confirm your eligibility several times during the year. This funding can only be claimed three times in the school year therefore applications must be made by the following dates to ensure eligibility for the following funding period.

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| 31 <sup>st</sup> August   | For funding in Autumn term (Sept-Dec)  |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> December | For funding in Spring term (Jan-March) |
| 31 <sup>st</sup> March    | For funding in Summer term (Apr-July)  |

## Universal Free Early Education & Childcare Funding

This funding is available to **ALL** children the term after their third birthday and entitles them to a maximum of 15hrs free nursery care per week. We will claim this funding on your behalf. Your child will be eligible from the following dates:

In Kent, children become eligible to claim their free early education from:

| <b>A child born between:</b>           |   |
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| 1 April to 31 August (inclusive)       | The start of term 1 following their third birthday (after summer holidays) until statutory school age.                |
| 1 September to 31 December (inclusive) | The start of term 3 following their third birthday (after Christmas and New Year holiday) until statutory school age. |
| 1 January to 31 March (inclusive)      | The start of term 5 following their third birthday (after April holiday) until statutory school age.                  |

## Tax-Free Childcare

This is available for children under the age of 12yrs if either parent is working. The government will pay 20% of your childcare costs (which can include Childminders, Nursery Care and Wrap Around care for school age children) When choosing which childcare provider you would like to make a payment to we are registered as: **GREATSTONE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**For more information and to make an application for Free for 2 or Working Parent and Tax-Free Childcare please visit KCC's website using the QR code shown below:**

