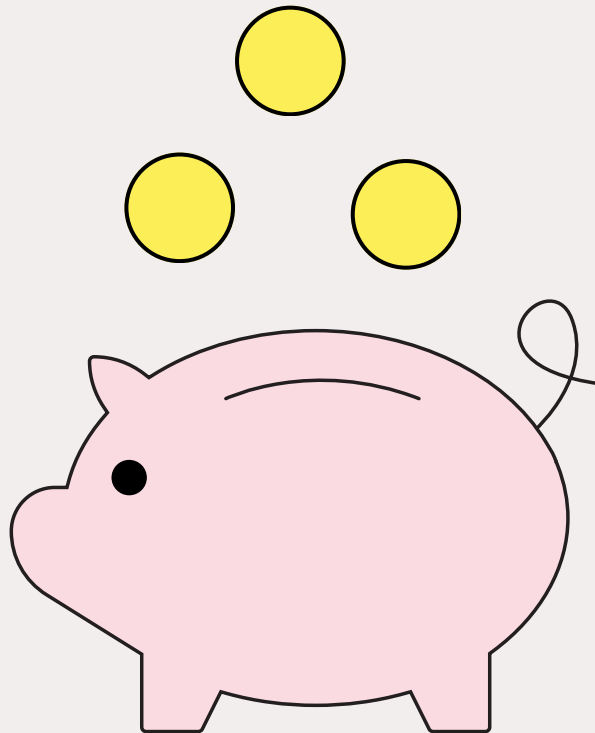
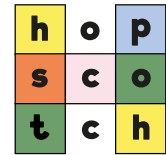


CHILDREN'S NURSERIES

# A Guide to Government Funding at Hopscotch



# How to Apply For Funding



For Working Family Funding you will need to apply for an eligibility code.

You should be applying for your eligibility code in plenty of time prior to when you wish to access it. You cannot apply for your code and use it in the same term.

## Eligible From:

A child turning 9 months+ between:	Can be funded from:
1st September to 31st December	January
1st January to 31st March	April
1st April to 31st August	September

## Working Family Funding for when the child becomes eligible:

Recommended time to apply for eligibility code	Last date to apply for eligibility code:
15th October to 30th November	by 31st December to be funded from January Spring Term
15th January to 28th February	by 31st March to be funded from April Summer Term
15th June to 31st July	by 31st August to be funded from September Autumn Term

## How to apply:

### Working Family Funded Childcare

Step 1: Visit the government website [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

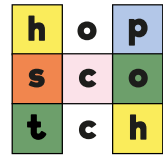
Step 2: Apply for your eligibility code.

Step 3: Once you receive the code, email it to [office@hopscotchmail.com](mailto:office@hopscotchmail.com) along with your National Insurance number, child's full name, and date of birth.

Step 4: Complete the Parent Declaration Form - emailed to you via Funding Loop in the month before the start of term.

**Step 5: Remember to reconfirm your eligibility when prompted every three months to ensure your code remains valid.**

# Government Funding Explained



## Universal Funded Childcare for 3-year-olds:

All 3 and 4-year-olds qualify for this scheme from the term after their 3rd birthday. This entitles you to up to 15 hours of childcare per week over 38 weeks.

## Working Families Funded Childcare:

Up to 15 hours for children 9 months+ and extended funding up to 30 hours for 3-year-olds.

## From April 2024:

Existing childcare support will be expanded in 3 main phases. By September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 years will be entitled to up to 30 hours of childcare support. This is for eligible working parents, and they must meet the criteria set out by HM Government.

- **April 2024:** Families can receive up to 15 hours of funded childcare for children over 2 years.
- **September 2024:** Families can receive up to 15 hours of funded childcare for children over 9 months.
- **September 2025:** Families can receive up to 30 hours of funded childcare for children over 9 months.

## Parents:

- You and your partner must each expect to earn (on average) at least £167 per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) but must earn less than £100,000 a year.
- You may still be eligible if you, or your partner, are on maternity/paternity or adoption leave, or unable to work due to disability or caring responsibilities.

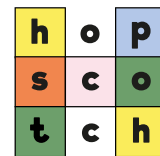
## Childcare support for disadvantaged 2-year-olds:

Some 2-year-olds may be eligible to receive up to 15 hours if for example you:

- Receive certain benefits
- Child receives Disability Living Allowance or has Special Educational Needs (SEND).
- Under a special guardianship or being looked after by a local authority or adopted.
- You will need to apply via your local council rather than Childcare Choices to see if you qualify.

# Hopscotch

## Fees with Funding Applied - September 2024



### How is the funding applied at Hopscotch:

Standard funding is 15/30 hours over 38 weeks. At Hopscotch we stretch these hours over 47 weeks with a maximum of up to 12/24 hours per week. There are 4 weeks in the year where full fees are due but by stretching the funding this avoids larger invoices over the summer months. We apply a maximum of 3 funded hours to a half day and 6 funded hours to a full day.

### Please note:

The Government funding only covers the place to provide the funded hours at nursery and does not cover the whole service we provide throughout your time at Hopscotch. The fees you therefore pay outside of the funded hours also provide a consumable supplement to cover these additional costs during your funded hours. These costs include healthy breakfasts, mid morning/afternoon snacks, formula, nappies, wipes and lotions, suncream, local trips, Hopscotch Explorers and peripatetic classes. This list is not exhaustive.

### Preston Park, Seven Dials and West Hove

#### Universal Funding for 3-4 year olds and Working Family Funding for 9 month+

Full day (including 6 hours funding) 8am to 5.30pm £36.10

Full day (including 3 hours funding) 8am to 5.30pm £51.55

Full morning (including 3 hours funding) 8am to 12:30pm £20.55

Full Afternoon (including 3 hours funding) 1.30pm to 5.30pm £17.55

### Hove Station

#### Universal Funding for 3-4 year olds and Working Family Funding for 9 month+

Full day (including 6 hours funding) 7.30am to 6.30pm £42.11

### Seaford

#### Universal Funding for 3-4 year olds and Working Family Funding for 9 month+

Full day (including 6 hours funding) 8am to 5.30pm £27.49

Full day (including 3 hours funding) 8am to 5.30pm £43.75

Full morning (including 3 hours funding) 8am to 12.30pm £15.75

Full afternoon (including 3 hours funding) 1.30pm to 5.30pm £13.75

School day (including 3 hours funding) 8am to 3pm £33.75

### Peacehaven

#### Universal Funding for 3-4 year olds and Working Family Funding for 9 month+

Full day (including 6 hours funding) 8am to 5.30pm £30.49

Full day (including 3 hours funding) 8am to 5.30pm £46.75

Full morning (including 3 hours funding) 8am to 12.30pm £16.75

Full afternoon (including 3 hours funding) 1.30pm to 5.30pm £15.75

Full fees are applicable during the 4 non-funded weeks per academic year.

For 2024/2025 these are:

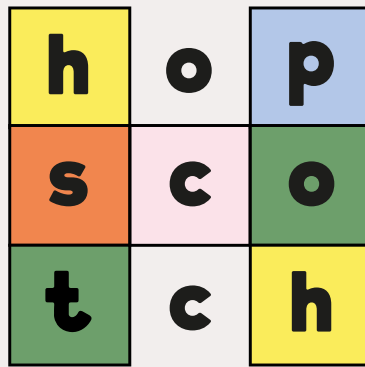
23rd December 2024 - 3rd January 2025 (1 week closed, 1 week unfunded)

31st March 2025

26th May 2025

25th August 2025

As per our Terms and Conditions, we reserve the right to change our fees with one months notice.



## Any questions?

You can speak to your nursery manager, or email Hopscotch  
Head Office at [office@hopscotchmail.com](mailto:office@hopscotchmail.com)

