

Funded places newsletter ideas for childcare providers

Play, learn and grow with funded childcare

Did you know that working families with babies from 9 months old can now access a funded place of up to 30 hours a week at a local nursery, pre-school or childminder? Even if you aren't currently working, you could still get up to 15 hours early learning per week for children from 2 years old.

Taking up your funded hours can provide lots of opportunities for your child to be active in doors and out.

And our experienced staff will help to develop their speaking and listening skills with fun activities including singing, rhyming and being read to with friends.

Your little one will be ready for bedtime at the end of a busy day of fun and play!

Join the thousands of parents across Lancashire who already have a funded childcare place.

Find out more about funded places from 9 months to 4-years-old at: www.lancashire.gov.uk/childcare.

Get ready for school with funded childcare

If you have a younger child that hasn't started nursery or preschool yet, don't miss out on a funded place of 15-30 hours per week to help them access early learning.

Most working families can now get up to 30 hours funded childcare for children from 9 months old until they start school. Even if you aren't currently working, you could still get up to 15 hours a week for 2, 3 and 4-year-olds.

Your child will learn essential skills to help them get ready for school including:

- Going to the toilet themselves
- Eating with a knife and fork
- Putting on their coat, fastening it, taking it off and hanging it up.
- Making new friends and building their confidence
- Improving speaking and listening skills

This will encourage them to become more independent and will make the transition to school easier. If your child needs any extra help, our experienced staff will identify these areas early and assist in getting them the right support.

For further details go to: www.lancashire.gov.uk/childcare

Save thousands on childcare costs

Are you getting all the help to pay for childcare that you may be entitled to?

Funded places of up to 30 hours are now available for working families with children from 9 months to 4-years-old (1140 hours per year). This could save you up to £7000 per year.

You could also take advantage of Tax-Free Childcare, which gives eligible working parents a £2 top-up for every £8 towards the cost of their childcare, including the fees for breakfast, after-school and holiday clubs.

Working families claiming Universal Credit with children under 17 can claim back up to 85% of eligible childcare costs.

Even if you aren't currently working, the government also funds up to 15 hours per week (570 hours per year) for 2, 3 and 4-year-old year-old children to access early learning before they start school.

Find the right childcare offer for you at: www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/