**Free Early Education Funding**

**Please go to the following link for more information on childcare entitlements** [**https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/**](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/)

**2 year olds**

Some 2 year olds may be eligible to receive funding known as the Free for Two Scheme (FF2) which is subject to meeting certain eligibility criteria. Eligible date ranges are shown in the table below. You can check eligibility by going to the website above. We will need to have a copy of the email you will receive confirming your eligibility before we can claim the funding. Your child cannot start in the setting until we have this email or fees will need to be paid.

**3 and 4 year olds (The Universal Entitlement)**

All children become eligible for up to 570 hours per year the term after their third birthday. Eligible date ranges are shown in the table below.

**3 and 4 year olds of working parents (The Extended Entitlement)**

Some children may qualify for up to an additional 570 hours per year which is subject to meeting certain criteria meaning your child would be entitled to a total of 30 hours funding a week. Please go to the Childcare Choices website on the link above to apply. Your application must be made the term before you wish your child to access the funding (by the end of term 5 for September, term 2 for January and term 4 for April). If eligible you will be given an 11 digit code which we will need to be able to claim this funding from KCC. You will get reminders from HMRC every 3 months to re-confirm your code to remain eligible for the 30 hours funding.

A child isentitled to Free Early Education at the start of the term after their second (if eligible), or third birthday in line with the Department for Education table below:

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| **A child born on or between** | **Will become eligible for funding from** |
| 1st January and 31st March | The Start of Term 5 following their second or third birthday (after April Holiday) |
| 1st April and 31st August | The Start of Term 1 following their second or third birthday (after Summer Holiday) |
| 1st September and 31st December | The Start of Term 3 following their second or third birthday (after Christmas/New Year Holiday) |

We will ask you to complete a Parental Declaration form prior to your child taking up their Free Early Education to enable us to claim the correct number of hours from KCC, and termly thereafter.

**Other funding available**

**Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)**

Eligible Children can start claiming EYPP in the term in which they become eligible for the 3 and 4 year old entitlement and is paid based on the universal funded hours only - not on the extended entitlement. To be eligible you need to be claiming certain benefits/credits or are caring for or have adopted a child from care of the local authority. This additional funding will benefit your child by enabling us to provide additional resources and activities. You will need to complete parts 5 and 6 of the Parental Declaration form giving us permission to apply for EYPP.

**Disability Access Fund (DAF)**

Your child could be eligible for this funding if they are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA). This one off annual payment will help us support your child with their disability or special educational need and allow us to make any reasonable adjustments or purchase/loan suitable resources that may be required. Please see our SEN Policy and speak to our SENCO for further details.