







Summary

The Budget announced a range of measures to support education and help parents with childcare so they can return to work more easily

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Entitlements: Eligible working parents in England will be able to access 30 hours of free childcare per week, for 38 weeks a year, from when their child is 9 months old to when they start school. Govt will also increase the hourly rate for providers.
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Wraparound: The government will invest £289m over two academic years, from Sept 2024, to enable schools and local areas to set up wraparound childcare provision
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Market reforms, including more choice for childminders and changes to EYFS requirements, to improve flexibility for providers and support the workforce.
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Changing staff:child ratios from 1:4 to 1:5 for two-year-olds in England to align with Scotland and provide greater flexibility for providers
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Childminder grants to attract people to childminding, with £1200 for those who register with a childminder agency and £600 for those who register with Ofsted
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Universal Credit reforms will pay childcare support up-front when parents move into work or increase their hours and increase the monthly re-imburement caps

These will be rolled out in stages, to ensure enough supply in the system

Autumn 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Childminder grants become available • Invest £204m into 3/4yo and 2yo funding rate • Staff:child 2yo ratio change
April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15hrs for eligible working parents of 2-year-olds introduced • Invest £288m into 3/4 yo and 2yo funding rates
Sept 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National wraparound support begins • 15hrs for eligible working parents of children 9 months plus introduced
Sept 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30hrs for eligible working parents of children from 9 months to primary school age introduced
Sept 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All schools able to offer 8am-6pm wraparound on their own or in partnership

