

How to apply for funding and check your eligibility

Tax-Free Childcare (Government Scheme):

At Kingswood Nursery we aim to make childcare as accessible and affordable as possible. We accept Childcare Vouchers through many employer schemes, which can save you tax—currently up to £55 per week or £243 per month per parent/guardian. Please note, if you successfully apply for Tax-Free Childcare, you cannot continue claiming vouchers or direct childcare payments. For working parents, the government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme can provide up to £500 every three months per child (up to £2,000 per year) by contributing £2 for every £8 you pay into your child's online childcare account. This can also be used alongside 15 or 30 hour free childcare, if eligible. We recommend checking with your employer and exploring the options that best support your family, and our team is happy to guide you through the process. <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>.

Save on Childcare with YellowNest:

At **Kingswood Nurseries**, we are proud to partner with **YellowNest** to make childcare more affordable for our families. Eligible parents can save on fees while securing a flexible, nurturing place for their child.

Find out more at www.yellownest.co.uk

Childcare Vouchers at Kingswood Nurseries

Kingswood Daycare is pleased to inform parents and guardians that we accept Childcare Vouchers through employer schemes.

- Many employers offer Childcare Voucher Schemes which can help you save on tax.
- The current allowance is £55 per week or £243 per month, per parent/guardian.
- Important: If you successfully apply for Tax-Free Childcare, you will no longer be able to claim childcare vouchers or directly contracted childcare payments.
- Please check with your employer to confirm whether they participate in a childcare voucher scheme.

For more information on how to use your vouchers at Kingswood Nurseries please contact our office – we'll be happy to guide you through the process.

Free 15 Hours Childcare at Kingswood Nurseries

If your child is 2 years old, you may be entitled to up to 15 hours a week of free early education and childcare at Kingswood Nurseries. This funding is available for families who receive certain government support or meet specific eligibility criteria.

Parents can check their eligibility using the Merton Council website here:

https://directories.merton.gov.uk/kb5/merton/directory/site.page?id=E_DK2NzGILo&familychannel=0

If you're eligible, you'll receive a code that you can share with Kingswood Daycare to secure your funded place.

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How to Apply for Childcare Funding

To apply for childcare funding, it is important to first check your eligibility and be aware of relevant application deadlines. You can apply for your funding code up to 16 weeks before your baby turns 9 months old. Applying within this timeframe helps secure your place and avoids delays in accessing funded childcare. Apply via the GOV.UK <https://www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working>

Working Parents: How to Apply for 30 Hours Free Childcare

Working parents can apply for 30 hours of free childcare for children from 9 months old. To be eligible, parents must be employed and provide proof, such as payslips or a work contract. Applications can be submitted online through the UK government website: Apply via GOV.UK <https://www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working>

Early application is recommended, and once approved, the funding can be used at registered nurseries or childcare providers. If you're eligible, you'll receive a code that you can share with Kingswood Daycare to secure your funded place.

We accept College/ University Childcare Payments

At Kingswood Nurseries, we understand that childcare costs can be a significant concern for families pursuing education. That's why we are pleased to accept payments directly from colleges/University for registered nursery fees. If your college/University provides a childcare support scheme, we can work with them to receive invoices and process payments, helping to make your childcare arrangements as smooth as possible. Please contact us to find out what documentation we require to set up direct payments with your college/university.

Universal Credit Can Help Cover Childcare Costs

Families using Kingswood Nurseries may also be eligible to claim childcare support through Universal Credit. Universal Credit can reimburse up to 85% of your childcare costs, subject to eligibility. To qualify, you must provide proof of payments such as invoices or receipts. Our team is happy to provide all the necessary details—such as our registration number and official invoices to help you claim your Universal Credit childcare support efficiently.

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How is my funding used?

At Kingswood Nurseries, we offer funded childcare for eligible children. You can choose 15 or 30 hours per week during term-time (38 weeks per year), which equates to 570 hours per year for 15 hours per week or 1,140 hours per year for 30 hours per week. Alternatively, these hours can be stretched over 51 weeks, giving approximately 11.18 hours per week for the 15-hour option or 22.35 hours per week for the 30-hour option. To secure your child's funded place, please provide your funding code to our nursery management team as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding access to funding for your child. Our specialist funding team will be happy to assist you with checking your eligibility. Please contact the office via telephone: 02086860100 or via email info@kingswooddaycarenursery.co.uk to speak to arrange an appointment.

