



Childcare funding for working parents

From September 2025:

If your child turns 9 months old on or before the 31 August 2025, then if you are eligible, you will receive 1140 funded hours per year starting in September 2025. In Derby, this is called Take Off early learning childcare.

You must apply for your eligibility code before the cut of dates for each term.

You must reconfirm your eligibility for Take Off funded early learning childcare and Tax Free Childcare every 3 months with HRMC through your Government Gateway account. If you apply more than 3 months before the term starts, you'll have to reconfirm your eligibility in your account to keep your code valid.

Your child's birthday	When they can get their hours from	Recommended time to apply
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January	15 October to 30 November Deadline: 31 December
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	15 January to 1 March Deadline: 31 March
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	15 June to 31 July Deadline: 31 August



How to apply
www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working

