

Delivering the Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) to 2, 3 & 4 year olds

Read our guidance on the new 30 hours FEEE by clicking on the links below:

[1. Information from the Early Years Business Conference 21st Feb 2017: Preparing for 30 hours Free Early Education Entitlement \(FEEE\)](#)

[2. 30 hours FEEE - launch September 2017](#)

The Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) is a government grant that enables all children aged three and four, and eligible two year-olds, to have free nursery education each year until they reach compulsory school age.

[The Foundation Years website has produced a free booklet for parents/carers](#) to help them find out more about how their child is learning and developing during their first five years, in relation to the [Early Years Foundation Stage \(EYFS\)](#). We encourage all providers to share this link with your parents via your own website if you have one, or print a few copies out for them to read.

Every eligible 2, 3 and 4 year child is entitled to 570 hours of free early education each year, which must be taken over a minimum of 38 weeks, equating to 15 hours per week. If a child attends a setting which is open more than 38 weeks, then the Free Early Education Entitlement will be spread equally over those weeks. For example, if a child attends a setting that is open for 50 weeks a year, they will receive 11.4 hours a week.

Each Free Early Education session must be:

1. A minimum of 2.5 hours long
2. A maximum of 10 hours long

Children must attend the setting for a minimum of two days per week to receive their full entitlement. Should parents/carers require childcare for additional hours, the provider can charge for this. The majority of parents/carers who require only the Free Early Education Entitlement access it through their local nursery school or pre-school, although some full day-care providers do offer this service. FEEE approved providers include:

- Children's centres
- Nursery classes in primary schools
- Nursery schools
- Pre-schools or playgroups
- Private nurseries
- Childminders

Clicking on any of the the links below will take you through to the Council's guidance for providers regarding the Free Early Education Entitlement in these specific areas:

**DfE Statutory
Guidance for Local
Authorities (LAs)
regarding FEEE**

**Waltham Forest
Council Financial
Guidance for FEEE
providers**

**Early Years Pupil
Premium for 3 & 4
year olds**

**Waltham Forest
Council FEEE
Contract and
Compliance**

**Checking validity of
eligible 2 year old
Unique Reference
Numbers (URNs)**

**Capital funding for
creating 2 year old
childcare places**

**Making parents aware
of the 2 year old Free
Early Education
Entitlement**

You can also find further general information about the FEEE on the Waltham Forest Directory:

- [Free early education and childcare for two year olds](#)
- [Free early education and childcare for three and four year olds](#)

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