

# 10 Facts

Better Together  
Funding

## Use alongside Tax

**Credits.** There are some restrictions, talk to your Children's Centre

## Funding can be stretched over the

**year.** Funding entitles a child to 570 hours of free childcare a year, this can be used as 15 hours per week if taken during term time or as approx. 11.5 hours per week if used all year round—childcare settings will support you to access the funding in a way that suits you best.

## It can be used in the

**afternoon.** Sometimes mornings can be stressful and chaotic and getting a child to pre-school or nursery can be difficult. Funding is as flexible as your childcare setting.

## Too early to think about it?

It's not likely circumstances will change, childcare settings may have waiting lists, secure your preferred provider today.

## You've been declined funding but could still be eligible.

Sometimes HMRC data is not up-to-date. If you can prove that your household income is less than £16,190, funding will be awarded.

## Available the term after a child is two.

eg, born February, start benefiting from April. Apply in the term your child turns two.

## Once awarded - never taken

**away.** Even if your circumstances change, funding will continue until your child starts the 3 year old funding (which everyone gets)

## Take up as much as you

**need.** You may prefer to only send your child for a couple of sessions a week initially, this is fine.

## Why would I want childcare? I don't

**work.** It can give you a bit more time to spend with your other children, take up a college course, or go back to work

You can also pick up ideas of what to do with your child at home and how you can help them grow and learn.

## Language improves when a child is with their peers.

Even though parents talk with their child and lay the foundations for language, children learn a lot from their peers, attending childcare can accelerate their language development.



For more information and to apply online please go to:

[wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-free-early-education-funding-for-2-year-olds](http://wiltshire.gov.uk/child-care-free-early-education-funding-for-2-year-olds)

Or call Early Years and Childcare on 0300 003 4561

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