**Eligibility**

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| A child born between the following periods is entitled to receive an Early Education place for a maximum of 570 hours a year over no fewer than 38 weeks of the year until the end of the term in which the child reaches three years of age: | |
| **Eligible children who are 2 between:** | **Will have a free place from the term following the child’s 2nd birthday and eligible from:** |
| 1st April and 31st August | 1st September |
| 1st September and 31st December | 1st January |
| 1st January and 31st March | 1st April |
| A child born between the following periods is entitled to receive an Early Education place for a maximum of 570 hours a year over no fewer than 38 weeks of the year until the child reaches compulsory school age: | |
| **All children who are 3 between:** | **Will have a free place for the Universal entitlement from the term following the child’s 3rd birthday and eligible from:** |
| 1st April and 31st August | 1st September |
| 1st September and 31st December | 1st January |
| 1st January and 31st March | 1st April |
| A child born between the following periods is entitled to receive the Extended Childcare Offer for a maximum of 1140 hours a year over no fewer than 38 weeks of the year until the child reaches compulsory school age: | |
| **All children who are 3 between:** | **Will have a free place for the Extended Childcare Offer from the term following the child’s 3rd birthday if the parent has obtained an eligible/valid voucher code from HMRC from:** |
| 1st April and 31st August | 1st September |
| 1st September and 31st December | 1st January |
| 1st January and 31st March | 1st April |
| In exceptional circumstances, children can defer their placement into school until the term after their 5th birthday – statutory school age, however this should be discussed with the Local Authority to ensure that the child’s needs are being appropriately met. | |