

Childcare Hours

The **Childcare Offer application is for the CHILDCARE HOURS ONLY** - to apply for the Foundation Phase Education Hours please see the [Early Entitlement Funding](#) Page OR Nursery Admissions on the [School Admissions](#) Page.

Entitlements

| Scheme / Offer | Education Hours / Learning Entitlement | Childcare Hours / Childcare Entitlement |
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| Early Entitlement (FPN1) | 10 hours per week | 20 hours per week |
| Foundation Phase Nursery (FPN2) | 12.5 hours per week | 17.5 hours per week |

How many childcare hours am I entitled to during school holiday provision?

Outside term-time, the FPN will not be available and working parents will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare per week. Three weeks of holiday provision will be allocated per term. This will be delivered in registered non-maintained childcare settings only, such as private day nurseries, childminders, out of school childcare and sessional care.

Can I bank my childcare hours?

During term-time parents are not able to 'bank' childcare hours i.e. carry over any unused hours from one week to another. Consequently the number of government-funded hours available under the Offer will not exceed 30 in any week. Any hours not used will be lost.

FPN Provision across local authority boundaries

In some cases a child may be accessing their FPN entitlement in a different local authority area to the one they live in.

In this situation, the number of hours of childcare the parent is entitled to would be calculated based on the number of hours of FPN available to them in the local authority where they are attending the FPN. For example, if the local authority where the child attended their FPN provided 10 hours of FPN the child would then be entitled to 20 hours of childcare. These 20 hours can be used in any setting as long as the setting is registered with CIW or the equivalent in England (Ofsted).

Cross border FPN Provision

Under the Welsh Childcare Offer, parents who live in Wales are permitted to access the childcare element of the Offer across local authority and country borders as long as the setting is registered with CIW or the equivalent in England (Ofsted). Whether or not the FPN element of the Offer can be accessed in England will be at the discretion of the Welsh local authority funding it.

Parents who live in England will need to apply for the Childcare Offer in England. If they then wish to take up part or all of the Offer in a setting in Wales, the parent/s will need to speak to their local authority in England about whether a similar arrangement can be put in place to allow them to use the English Offer to pay for childcare and FPN in Wales.

Can I access more Childcare Hours?

Parents can choose to pay for additional hours of childcare, over and above the 30 hours, at their own expense.