

15 Hours Free Pre-School Education

For 3 and 4 year olds

States of Guernsey
Education Services

What is 15 hours Free Pre-School Education?

For 3 and 4 year olds during the year before they start school in Reception, your child is entitled to **15 hours** of FREE Pre-school Education per week, **across 38 weeks** of the year (term time only).

You can choose to take this Free Pre-school Education at the following types of registered Providers

- Pre-schools
- Day Nurseries

When does the Free Preschool Entitlement Start

5th January 2017 - The beginning of the Spring Term.

What is the limit on family income to access this free pre-school offer?

The threshold to qualify for the 15 hours of free pre-school education for your 3 to 4 year-old child is a joint parental annual income of £150,000. Any family or household with an income over this limit will not be able to claim the free pre-school entitlement.

How can the 15 hours of Free Pre-school Education be taken?

You can be flexible in the way you take up the offer of free Pre-school Education for your child within the following limits:

- A **maximum number** of 8 hours can be taken in one day
- You can use the Free Pre-school Education at up to **two Providers**.

The basic offer is **three hours a day over five days or five hours a day over three days**, but many Providers may allow you to take your hours flexibly in a pattern to meet your needs where possible.

How do we claim our 15 hours of Free Pre-school Education?

- You must let the Pre-school/Day Nursery Provider know that you would like to claim the 15 hours of Free Pre-school Education and how many hours you would like to claim each week.
- Your chosen Provider will give you a Parent Declaration Form to fill in and give back to them. Parent Declaration forms are available from your Provider or you can access them on our website. They will claim the funding on your behalf from The States of Guernsey for the Free Pre-school Education provision you receive.
- Each term Providers have a deadline for claiming this funding. The States of Guernsey may not be able to fund a child who has not taken up a free Pre-school place by this date.
- You will need to specify at which Provider(s) you would like your child to take up their Free Pre-school Education place and how many hours you would like to claim from each Provider – up to 15 hours per week.
- Funding is for a Term: if your child moves to another Provider during a term then you need to resubmit

a Parent Declaration Form as soon as possible to see if a Free Pre-school Education place is available. Funding is not guaranteed to follow your child.

Paying for Additional Hours

If you take more than 15 hours Free Pre-school Education per week there will be a charge from the Provider(s) for all of the additional hours taken with them at their own hourly rate.

Please check with your Provider for details of these and any other additional options they may offer and charge for.

Choosing a Provider

All registered Providers will deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and are inspected by the States Early Years Team for the quality of their provision. It is recommended to always go and visit a Provider to meet the staff and ensure you are happy with the provision on offer and it meets your child's and your family's requirements.

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