

Funding my early education

For children aged 3-4years -

All 3 and 4-year-old children are entitled to 570 hours of funded early education per year. It's available from the term following the child's 3rd birthday up until they reach compulsory school age. It's for every child irrespective of background or family circumstances

Parents of 3 and 4 year olds living and working in England may be entitled to 30 hours funded childcare. An extra 570 hours of funded childcare a year, so 1,140 hours in total. Eligibility criteria will apply.

For children aged 2

2-year-olds may be eligible for up to 570 hours per year of free childcare at nurseries, pre-schools or childminders across the borough beginning the term after their 2nd birthday. This is linked to the benefits a family and child are in receipt of. You can check out your eligibility on using this link <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/free-childcare-for-2-year-olds>

There is also **tax free childcare**. This is a UK wide government scheme that has been set up to help working parents with the cost of childcare. <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/early-years-entitlement-funding>

Find out more...

About my developmental milestones:

What to expect, when?

www.foundationyears.org.uk/files/2015/03/4ChildrenParentsGuide_2015_WEB.pdf

About my early education:

The Statutory Framework for Early Years Foundation Stage

www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2

About funding for nurseries:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/

www.stockport.gov.uk/topic/early-years-and-childcare

About finding childcare

www.stockport.gov.uk/childcare

stockport.fsd.org.uk/localoffer

About caring and supporting me during my early years

Startwell

<http://www.stockport.gov.uk/startwell>



You can find further ideas and support on

Tiny Happy People

<https://www.tbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people>



Early Education

A guide for families



Babies, Toddlers And Preschoolers

Why is early education important for me?

It will help me to become an independent learner and will nurture my curiosity

It will support the development of my language and cognitive skills



It will be FUN!

It will help me to make friends

It will help me to develop my physical skills and to learn to take care of myself and others

It will help me to develop my social and emotional skills

The activities I do at nursery will boost my early maths, reading and writing skills

It will help prepare me for my time in school



What will I learn...

The Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Framework

supports the Early Years Practitioners who will work with me between birth and age 5

It includes the

- 👉 The legal welfare requirements to keep me safe.
- 👉 The seven areas of learning and development:
- 👉 Assessments that will tell you about my progress through the EYFS.

The seven areas of learning and development are split into three prime areas and four specific areas.

The three prime areas are:

- 👉 Communication and Language
- 👉 Physical development
- 👉 Personal, Social and Emotional development

The four specific areas are:

- 👉 Literacy
- 👉 Mathematics
- 👉 Understanding the World
- 👉 Expressive Arts and Design



The activities planned for me will be based on these areas of learning and development. To suit my unique needs

Things my family may need to know!

Research shows that attending nursery influences how well a child does at school; whether they gain qualifications; their employment prospects and their level of earnings.

Choosing my early education provider

- ✓ **Childminders**
- ✓ **Local Authority Maintained Nursery Schools and Classes**
- ✓ **Private, Voluntary and Independent Nurseries, Preschools and Day Nurseries**
- 😊 Think about the things that will be important to me
- 😊 Arrange to visit, you can always take me with you
- 😊 Don't be afraid to ask questions

Where to find out about early education providers

- 😊 Their website
- 😊 Their Social media platforms e.g. Facebook
- 😊 Read their OFSTED reports on line
- 😊 Use the Stockport link for child care and access the Local Offer to find out where all the provision is in your area