

Early Years Entitlement

What is EYE and what does it Cover?

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All children who have turned 3 years old in England by 3 fixed dates in each year can access up to 570 hours of early education per calendar year from the start of their eligibility or until they start reception in primary school. It is often taken as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year although some providers who open for more than 38 weeks may choose to stretch the offer by reducing the weekly hours to provide childcare all year round e.g. 11 hours over 50+ weeks.

Some 2-year-olds are also eligible for up to 570 hours of early education and some 3 and 4 year olds will be able to apply for up to another 15 hours per week extending their entitlement to a maximum 1140 hours. This has also been referred to as "30 hours a week".

How do I apply?

You apply via a chosen childcare provider who can also give you more information.

Who can access the EYE?

All children who turn 3 by the dates shown on the Council's website on the following link <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/children-young-people-and-families/childcare-early-years-play/early-years-entitlement>. The pages on this link will also show you who is eligible for the 2 year old offer and the eligibility criteria for the additional hours when your child turns 3.

What does the EYE pay for?

The EYE enables your child to access Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) education opportunities at Ofsted registered provision. Further details on the EYFS can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/early-years-foundation-stage>

What do I have to pay for that is not covered by the EYE?

A provider's normal hourly/sessional/daily rate will include charges for their complete service. The EYE does not cover all of the services offered by your provider, for example meals and snacks, consumables, additional services and additional hours. As they are not covered your provider will charge you separately for these items.

How do I find out about what I have to pay for that is not covered by the EYE?

You will be able to find out what each provider offers when you are choosing a place for your child. Their terms and conditions will be available to you within the contract you will be asked to sign. They should provide a breakdown of additional charges or an example invoice so you can understand what the EYE provides for and what charges will be applied.

Find further information here:

Childcare Choices: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>
1BigDbathnes: <https://www.bathnes1bd.org.uk/>
Ofsted: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted>
Bath and North East Somerset Council: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/>