

## SUMMARY OF GOVERNMENT EARLY YEARS FUNDING AVAILABLE FROM SEPTEMBER 2025

Age Range of Child	Government Early Years Funding Available	Availability	Criteria	How to apply	Deadline to apply
9 -23 months	Under 2's Working Family funding from term after child turns 9 months.	For working parents/carers – for 30 hours per week for 38 weeks per annum	<a href="#">Homepage   Best Start in Life</a>	Via online account with HMRC	<b>31 March</b> to access funding for Summer Term <b>31 August</b> to access funding for Autumn Term <b>31 December</b> to access funding in Spring Term
		For working foster parents* in paid employment outside of fostering - for 30 hours per week for 38 weeks per annum	<a href="#">Homepage   Best Start in Life</a>	Via social worker who needs to contact <a href="mailto:eyft@northyorks.gov.uk">eyft@northyorks.gov.uk</a> for application form if NYC are responsible for child.	As above. However, if child not in placement by deadline Social Worker should advise when completing application form
2-3 yrs	2YOs Working Family funding from term after child turns 2.	For working parents/carers - for 30 hours per week for 38 weeks per annum	<a href="#">Homepage   Best Start in Life</a>	Via online account with HMRC	<b>31 March</b> to access funding for Summer Term <b>31 August</b> to access funding for Autumn Term <b>31 December</b> to access funding in Spring Term
		For working foster parents* in paid employment outside of fostering - for 30 hours per week for 38 weeks per annum	<a href="#">Homepage   Best Start in Life</a>	Via social worker who needs to contact <a href="mailto:eyft@northyorks.gov.uk">eyft@northyorks.gov.uk</a> for application form if NYC are responsible for child.	As above. However, if child not in placement by deadline, Social Worker should advise when submitting application form to Funding Team.
2-3 yrs	Early Learning for 2-year-olds funding (formerly 2YO FRAS funding) Funding from term after child turns 2	Parents/carers not employed in receipt of certain income related benefits, or child is in receipt of DLA or has LAC status - for 15 hours per week for 38 weeks per annum	<a href="#">Education and childcare for families of 2-year-olds receiving additional support   North Yorkshire Council</a>	Online via North Yorkshire Council's website and FIS (Families Information Service) Team. For contact details for FIS address see info below.	By headcount deadline date for term child is accessing funding
		Foster parent/s not in paid employment outside of their fostering responsibilities - for 15 hours per week for 38 weeks per annum	<a href="#">Education and childcare for families of 2-year-olds receiving additional support   North Yorkshire Council</a>	Online via North Yorkshire Council's website and FIS Team. For contact details for FIS address see info below.	By headcount deadline date for term child is accessing funding

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3 yrs upwards	3&4 YO Universal funding from term after child turns 3.	For all parents/carers and foster carers– this can be claimed by all. No eligibility criteria in place For 15 hours per week for 38 weeks per annum	None – funding available to all children from term after 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday	No application needed. Parents/carers and foster carers just need to register to access these funded hours with funded childcare provider who will claim from local authority	None. Child must however have turned 3 year's of age before start of term.
	3&4YOs Working Family Funding from term after child turns 3.	For working parents/carers - for 15 hours per week for 38 weeks per annum	<a href="#">Homepage   Best Start in Life</a>	Via online account with HMRC	<b>31 March</b> to access funding for Summer Term <b>31 August</b> to access funding for Autumn Term <b>31 December</b> to access funding in Spring Term
		For working foster parents* in paid employment outside of fostering - for 15 hours per week for 38 weeks per annum	<a href="#">Homepage   Best Start in Life</a>	Via social worker who needs to contact <a href="mailto:eyft@northyorks.gov.uk">eyft@northyorks.gov.uk</a> for application form if NYC are responsible for child.	As above. However, if child not in placement by deadline, Social Worker should advise when submitting application form to Funding Team.

\*If a foster parent is married/lives with a partner, they also must be in *paid employment outside of their fostering responsibilities* to qualify for Working family funding of any type.

### **Additional Information**

1. The FIS Team can be contacted regarding eligibility or application queries for 'Early Learning for 2YO' funding at [fis.Information@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:fis.Information@northyorks.gov.uk)
2. Childcare Service can be contacted by working parents/carers on 0300 123 4097 for queries about eligibility and applying for all types of Working Family funding.
3. Foster parents wishing to access Working Family funding should speak to their social worker in the first instance about applying for any type of Working Family funding. Social Workers must then contact the Funding Team at [eyft@northyorks.gov](mailto:eyft@northyorks.gov) for eligibility queries and for the relevant application form to complete. Working Family funding Codes for eligible foster parents are created by the local authority, not HMRC.
4. If the foster child's placement was not completed through North Yorkshire Council but another local authority, the foster carer/social worker will need to contact the other local authority's Early Years Funding Team instead to obtain the child's Working Family code. This is because codes can only be created by the local authority with legal responsibility for the child.
5. Government early years funding is only payable for 38 weeks per annum. Parents, carers and foster carers should check with their chosen childcare provider how they will offer funded hours to them e.g. term time only or if this is 'stretched' to cover non-funded and holiday weeks.
6. Government early years funding is intended to cover the cost of childcare only. It is not intended to cover the cost of food, consumables, activities or non-funded sessions. Parents, carers and foster carers should always check with their chosen childcare provider what charges are payable by them, upon registering to access their funded entitlement.
7. Government early years funding can be accessed by a parent, carer or foster parent up until a child attends a reception class place or reaches compulsory school age (the term after their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday), whichever happens first, subject to holding a valid Working Family code to do so if required.