



This is a brief guide to how you could cut your
childcare costs.

To find out more visit the new, easy to use
website where all government funded childcare
is brought together
www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

You can also work out how much help you
might be entitled to at
www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator

To search for childcare in Brighton & Hove,
visit **www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/fis**



Free childcare for two year olds

Some two year olds are entitled to up to 570 hours of free childcare spread across the year.* To qualify, parents must be in receipt of eligible benefits or tax credits. Find out if you are entitled to free childcare and apply online **www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/twos**

Universal free childcare for three and four year olds

All three and four year olds are entitled to free childcare from the term after their child's third birthday. Parents are entitled to up to 570 hours of childcare over the year.* There's no need to apply, just speak to your chosen childcare provider about availability.

NEW 30 hours free childcare

The extended entitlement for working parents of three and four year olds doubles the existing universal entitlement of 570 hours of free childcare to up to 1,140 hours spread across the year.* Make sure you apply as soon as you are eligible, otherwise you may miss a term's funding. You can check your eligibility online now **<https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/>**

* The amount of hours that you receive will depend on factors including when you apply, the date your child starts, when the childcare provider is able to offer sessions, and how these fit in with your requirements.



Childcare Element of Working Tax Credit

Parents who are claiming Working Tax Credit and are on a low income, may be able to claim up to 70% of their childcare costs. You cannot claim the Childcare Element of Working Tax Credit and Tax Free Childcare. Find out more

www.gov.uk/working-tax-credit

Universal Credit

As part of Universal Credit, parents may be able to claim up to 85% of childcare costs. You cannot claim both Universal Credit and Tax Free Childcare. Find out more

www.gov.uk/universal-credit

Help for students

Care to Learn is paid to parents aged under 20 at the start of their course in school or 6th form college.

www.gov.uk/care-to-learn

The Childcare Grant is available for students in higher education who are eligible for student finance.

www.gov.uk/childcare-grant