Important Information About Childcare Funding Codes

To be eligible to receive the government-funded childcare hours parents must have a valid funding code in place before the start of the term they wish to claim funding for.

When do I need my funding code by?

Funding codes must be applied for and confirmed by the deadline below to be used in the following term:

- Autumn Term (September start)
  Code must be applied for by **31st August**
- Spring Term (January start)
  Code must be applied for by **31st December**
- Summer Term (April start)
  Code must be applied for by **31st March**

If your code is not confirmed by these dates, funding **cannot** be backdated, and you may need to wait until the next term for funding to begin.

Reconfirming your code

Funding codes must be reconfirmed every 3 months, even if your circumstances have not changed. If you miss a reconfirmation deadline, your funding will stop.

We strongly recommend setting a reminder to reconfirm as soon as you receive your prompt from HMRC.

Where do I apply or reconfirm?

You can apply for or reconfirm your funding code via the Government Best Start in Life website:
https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/

Need help?

If you're unsure whether your code is valid, approaching a deadline, or need support with the process, please speak to us as soon as possible. We're happy to help where we can, but responsibility for applying and reconfirming always remains with the parent/carer.