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Children and Families Information Service:

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Tel: 01525 71 52 55

National Childminding Association:

Tel: 01582 59 10 31

School Admissions:

Tel: 01582 54 80 16

Special Educational Needs Support Team For Under 5's

Tel: 01582 54 81 05

Luton's Parent Partnership Service:

Tel: 01525 71 97 54 or 01582 54 81 56

Child Tax Credit & Working Tax Credit helpline:

Tel: 0845 300 39 00

You can also make enquires about
tax credits by going online:

www.inlandrevenue.gov.uk/taxcredits



This leaflet explains Luton's Free and Flexible Early Learning and Childcare scheme. All children, aged three and four can access their entitlement, through Luton childcare providers, of up to 15 hours free early education provision per week. If you require this information in a different format or language please contact 01582 54 88 88

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Free & Flexible Early Learning & Childcare for three and four year olds in Luton

As part of the government's aim to ensure every child gets the best start in life, all three and four year olds in Luton are entitled to 15 hours of **FREE** early learning and childcare.

This means that from the term after your child becomes three, they are entitled to 15 hours early learning and childcare.

In Luton we aim to offer all families with three and four year olds the hours they prefer at a provider of their choice, over a minimum of 38 weeks of the year. This will help parents better balance their work and family life .

It's free, it's flexible and you have a choice!

Free

Families accessing early years providers in Luton can have up to 15 hours per week of early learning and childcare at no cost whatsoever.

Flexible

Subject to availability, the full 15 hours can be taken when you want and how you want. You can spread it over five, four or even three days.

You can even split your 15 hours entitlement between two early years providers if you need to. Also with many providers you can pay for extra childcare over and above the free 15 hours, if you need it.



Choice

It's up to you where you use your child's free entitlement. In Luton the types of providers are:

- **Children's Centres**
- **Full Day Care Nurseries**
- **Pre-Schools**
- **Childminders who are part of an accredited Childminder Network**
- **Local Authority Nursery Schools**
- **Nursery Units within an Infant or Primary School**
- **Independent Schools.**

So what are you waiting for!

Luton Borough Council now has a variety of early years and childcare provision in all areas of the town enabling families to have more choice about which providers they use. We want you to have a selection of quality, flexible options to choose from, and together with the 15 hours, this means greater choice in enabling you to balance your work, family needs and childcare options.

So if your child is already attending one of Luton's early years providers, arrange to talk to them. They will be able to tell you what they are offering under this scheme and what you need to do.

If your child has not yet started any provision, you can find out about local providers and what they are offering from the Children and Families Information Service on 01582 54 88 88 or email cfis@luton.gov.uk