

Application for funded childcare for foster children

This form should be completed and signed by you and your partner (if you have one) and countersigned by the social worker who will confirm eligibility. Details of the criteria for foster children receiving funded childcare can be found at the end of this document. This application should not be used for your own child(ren).

Further information on funded childcare for foster children can be found by visiting <https://www.goucestershire.gov.uk/early-years-service/information-for-parents/help-with-childcare-costs/working-parent-entitlement-for-foster-children/> or by contacting the Nursery Funding Team on 01452 328668.

Section 1 – Your details

Title	
First Name	
Surname	
Date of Birth	
National Insurance No.	
Address	
Post Code	
E-Mail*	
Telephone No.	

*Confirmation of your acceptance, together with your eligibility code to be given to your childcare provider along with your reconfirmation date, will be sent to this address.

Are you the foster parent for the child named on this form?

YES / NO

Section 2 – your employment details

Are you employed or self-employed outside your fostering responsibilities?

YES / NO

(You can still answer yes if you are not currently working. For example, you are on parental leave or sick leave, or expect to start or re-start work in the next 31 days)

Do you expect to earn more than £100,000 in this tax year April to March?

YES / NO

(If your income is over this amount you cannot get funded childcare)

If you are not employed outside of your fostering responsibilities, but are in receipt of any of the following, please indicate which applies to you:

- For Universal Credit purposes, assessed as having limited capability for work
- Receive National Insurance credits because of incapacity or limited capability for work
- Receive a Carer's Allowance
- Receive an Employment and Support Allowance
- Receive Incapacity Benefit
- Receive a Severe Disablement Allowance

If you get one of the above benefits you may still be able to get funded childcare if you have a partner who holds additional employment outside their role as foster carer.

Do you have a partner who lives with you?

YES / NO

(A person is your partner if you are married or in a civil partnership, and live together in the same household, or a couple who live together as if you are married or in a civil partnership.)

If **YES** go to **Section 3**, If **NO** go to **Section 5**

Section 3 – Your partner

Title	
First Name	
Surname	
Date of Birth	
National Insurance No.	
Address	
Post Code	

Is your partner also a foster parent?

YES / NO

If **Yes** go to **Section 4** – if **No** you may need to speak to Family Information Service about any additional support with childcare

Section 4 – Your partner's income details

Is your partner employed or self-employed outside their fostering responsibilities?

YES / NO

(You can still answer yes if they are not currently working. For example, they are on parental leave or sick leave, or expect to start or re-start work in the next 31 days)

Does your partner expect their total taxable income in this tax year (April to March) to be more than £100,000?

YES / NO

(If their income is over this amount you cannot get funded childcare)

Section 5 -the children who will get funded childcare

If you are fostering non-related children who could both be eligible for funded childcare you will need to complete a separate form for each child.

First Name	
Surname	
Date of Birth	
Date due to start school	

Section 6 – Declaration

Your declaration:

I declare that I am applying for funded childcare, to enable me to work outside of fostering, and that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete.

Signature:

Date:

Your Partner's declaration:

I declare that I am applying for funded childcare, to enable me to work outside of fostering, and that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete.

Partner's Signature:

Date:

Section 7 – To be signed by Foster Child's Social Worker

Before Gloucestershire County Council can issue an eligibility code this form must be signed by the foster child's social worker.

I declare that I have seen evidence of employment outside of fostering and it has been discussed how this employment is consistent with the care plan for the foster child listed on this form.

I confirm that I support this application for funded childcare in respect of the foster child.

Signed:

Date:

Role:

Contact E-mail:

The completed application should be sent to:

Nursery Funding Team at:

eyfunding@gloucestershire.gov.uk

or post to:

Nursery Funding Team, Early Years Service, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TG

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<i>Eligibility code</i>	
<i>Submission Date</i>	
<i>Validation Date</i>	
<i>Reconfirmation Date</i>	
<i>Validity End</i>	
<i>Grace Period End</i>	

Authorised/entered on ECS by:

Signed:

Date:

Eligibility for funded childcare for foster children

Children in foster care will be able to receive up to 30 hours funded childcare if the following criteria are met:

When child turns the relevant age (9 months, 2, 3 or 4 years)	When they can get their hours from
1 st January and 31 st March	Term starting on or after 1 April
1 st April and 31 st August	Term starting on or after 1 September
1 st September and 31 st December	Term starting on or after 1 January

- That, in single parent foster families, the foster parent engages in paid work outside their role as a foster parent

and

- That accessing the extended hours is consistent with the child's care plan, placing the child at the centre of the process and decision making

OR

- In two parent foster families, both partners engage in paid work outside their role as a foster parent. If one partner is not a foster parent then they must be in qualifying paid work and earn a minimum of the equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum/national living wage.

and

- That accessing the extended hours is consistent with the child's care plan, placing the child at the centre of the process and decision making.

All referral forms have to be signed by the child's social worker to ensure that the above eligibility criteria are met.