

Childcare Offer holiday weeks entitlement during school holidays

Childcare Offer will provide working parents of 3-4 year olds with 30 hours of funded early education and childcare per week, up to 48 weeks of the year. The term time will be treated as 39 weeks, meaning the other 9 weeks of the 48 week offer will be treated as non-term time or 'holiday provision'. During these 9 weeks holiday provision, eligible children will receive 30 hours of childcare only.

The Welsh Government will not be specifying which of the 13 weeks non-term time are designated as the 9 weeks of holiday provision in order to allow flexibility for parents who are in different occupations, such as those who have to work over the summer or Christmas holidays. However parents would not be able to 'stretch' their entitlement across weeks or transfer unused hours across weeks.

Please see following **9 weeks** holiday entitlement:

A child who is eligible to receive the offer for **three terms** will be entitled to receive **9 weeks** of holiday weeks childcare during school holidays.

A child who is eligible to receive the offer for **two terms** will be entitled to receive **6 weeks** of holiday weeks childcare during school holidays.

A child who is eligible to receive the offer for **one term** will be entitled to receive **3 weeks** of holiday weeks childcare during school holidays.

However, for clarity 4 holiday weeks per academic year will be unfunded by the Offer.

Children born in autumn or spring terms may be eligible to receive the offer for more than one year, in such cases a new allocation of holiday provision will be given for the remainder of the time they are eligible to receive the offer at the beginning of the second year.

Please note, once a child begins fulltime education following their fourth birthday (September after their 4th birthday) they are no longer entitled to the childcare offer.