



## The New Affordable Childcare Scheme

Starting this week parents will be able to avail of the new government affordable childcare scheme. For parents of children from 6 months to 3 years, attending registered childcare, this will mean a subsidy of up to €20 a week.

What do I do to join the scheme?

- You can contact your registered childcare provider (Creche or Túsla registered childminder), they will ask you to fill in a form

Is it means tested?

- No. This is a universal scheme

My child attends part-time, how much of a subsidy will I receive?

- The subsidy you receive will be relative to the hours your child attends. For example if they attend 3 days it will be €12 a week, if they attend for 3-5 hours a day 5 days it will be €10 a week

How long will I receive this subsidy for?

- Until your child reaches 3 years or joins the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) free preschool scheme

I am receiving a social welfare payment, can I get more assistance with childcare?

- Yes. Extensive supports are available to parents who have a medical card/ are in receipt of a social welfare payment. Those taking part in some training schemes are also eligible for supports – more information is available at [affordablechildcare.ie](http://affordablechildcare.ie)

Where can I get more information?

- Log on to [affordablechildcare.ie](http://affordablechildcare.ie), speak to your childcare provider, or contact Kildare County Childcare Committee at 045-861307 [info@kildarechildcare.ie](mailto:info@kildarechildcare.ie)
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