
Government Funding Policy 2026

Universal 15 hours funding (age 3 -4)

- All children are eligible for 15 hours funding the term after they turn 3 years of age.
- We provide a "Stretched Offer" = 11 hours per week as we are open 51 weeks of the year.
- These 11 hours can be used to cover the cost of PM sessions only (2 PM sessions = 11 hours)
- If you wish for your child to attend AM sessions, or any additional afternoons, these will be charged according to our private fees. Funding is deducted from the first 2 afternoons a child attends per week.
- We charge £60 per month for consumables for any child accessing 15 hours funding. If parents are not able to pay the consumable charge, they should discuss this with the nursery to agree an alternative.
- We offer 1 fully funded only space for this funding category. There is no minimum session requirement for any child wanting this space.

Extended 30 hours funding (age 3-4) – Working Parent Entitlement

- Not all 3 year olds are eligible for 30-hour funding.
- Parents are required to go on GOV.UK to see if you are eligible. if you are eligible, you will be given a code, which you must pass on to the nursery
- We require the code and your NI Number to verify eligibility.
- We provide a "Stretched Offer" = 22 hours per week as we are open 51 weeks of the year.
- These hours can be used to cover the cost of PM sessions only (4 PM sessions = 22 hours).
- If you wish for your child to attend AM sessions, or any additional afternoons, these will be charged according to our private fees. Funding is deducted from the first 4 afternoons a child attends per week.
- We charge £120 per month for consumables for any child accessing 30 hours funding. If parents are not able to pay the consumable charge, they should discuss this with the nursery to agree an alternative.

15 hours funding for disadvantaged children (age 2)

- Some disadvantaged children are eligible for 15 hours funding.
- Parents are required to go on GOV.UK to see if you are eligible. if you are eligible, you will be given a code, which you must pass on to the nursery
- We require the code and your NI Number for us to verify eligibility.

- We provide the "Stretched Offer" = 11 hours per week as we are open 51 weeks of the year.
- These 11 hours can be used to cover the cost of 2 AM or PM sessions or 1 whole day (2 AM/ PM sessions or 1 whole day = 11 hours)
- If you wish for your child to attend any additional sessions, these will be charged according to our private fees. Funding is deducted from the first 2 sessions a child attends per week.
- We charge for meals only (£5.50 for lunch or £3.50 for tea) for any child accessing this funding. If parents are not able to pay the charge, they should discuss this with the nursery to agree an alternative.
- We offer 1 fully funded only space for this funding category. There is no minimum session requirement for any child wanting this space

Extended 30 hours funding (age 9 months – 3 years) – Working Parent Entitlement

- Not all 9-month olds – 3 year olds are eligible for 30 hours funding.
- Parents are required to go on GOV.UK to see if you are eligible. if you are eligible, you will be given a code, which you must pass on to the nursery
- We require the code and your NI Number to verify your eligibility.
- We provide the "Stretched Offer" = 22 hours per week as we are open 51 weeks of the year.
- These 22 hours can be used to cover the cost of 4 AM or PM sessions or 2 whole days (4 AM/ PM sessions or 2 whole day = 22 hours)
- If you wish for your child to attend any additional sessions, these will be charged according to our private fees. Funding is deducted from the first 4 sessions/2 days a child attends per week.
- We charge £120 per month for consumables for any child accessing 30 hours funding. If parents are not able to pay the consumable charge, they should discuss this with the nursery to agree an alternative.

When can I apply for government funding?

You can apply for your eligibility code up to 16 weeks before your baby turns 9 months old, 2 years old or 3 years old. To keep getting funded childcare for working parents, you must sign into your childcare account every 3 months and confirm your details are up to date. You will then need to provide us with any codes you receive.

Funding begins from the following dates;

Child's 9 month, 2nd or 3rd Birthday	Funding begins from:
1 st Jan – 31 st March	Term starting on or after 1 st April
1 st April – 31 st August	Term starting on or after 1 st September
1 st September – 31 st December	Term starting on or after 1 st January