

Early Education Funding

Three and Four-Year-Olds

All three- and four-year-olds are entitled to 15 hours of funded early education and childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year, regardless of parental income, benefits, or employment status. Funding is available from the term after your child's 3rd birthday, starting on 1 January, 1 April or 1 September.

In addition, eligible working families of three- and four-year-olds can apply for a further 15 hours of funded provision per week, also for 38 weeks of the year. Applications should be made online www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working

Two Year Olds

Eligible working parents of 2.5-year-olds can apply for up to 30 hours of funded early education and childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year. Applications should be made online www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working. Once your application has been approved, you can begin using the entitlement from the start of the following term. Terms begin on 1 January, 1 April, and 1 September.

Any hours used in excess of your Early Education Funded (EEF) hours will be charged at the applicable hourly rate (see below),

EEF Parent Declaration Forms must be completed at by the beginning of each term.

What isn't covered by Government funding

Items such as meals, nappies, additional hours, and additional activities, including school trips are not covered by Government funding.

Further information on funding and eligibility can be found at [Best Start in Life](#)

Fees and additional costs

For any hours not covered by government funding, the following fees apply:

Two Year Olds £6.50 per hour

Three and Four-Year Olds £6.00 per hour

Fees are payable in advance – parents are invoiced in advance for each half term.

Absences – as the pre-school is staffed to accommodate the hours requested by parents in advance, all absences will be charged for.

Additional costs -. Parents are required to provide nappies and send either a packed lunch or order a meal through the school cater AIP for £2.20. Trips or activities will incur an additional charge but are optional. Costs are kept as low as possible.