

Funded hours - our policy



We have prepared this document to explain to parents/carers how to claim for the funding and additionally, the charges for consumables that will be applied to this type of claim.

It covers from 9 months old & 2 year old 30 hours funding and 3 year old 15 & 30 hours funding.

We hope this document helps to clarify this new funding, however if you have any further questions please contact Megan via email or family.

Your child will be able to claim funding a term after they are 9 months old, this document will be updated inline with any changes the government bring forward in regarding to FEL funding.

30 hours (9 months - 3 years)

Flexibility

The 30 hours funding is calculated over 38 weeks a year (term time only).

The free entitlement hours cannot be compressed (so you cannot take more than 30 hours per week over fewer than 38 weeks of the year).

When claiming 30 hours funding on a term time only basis during the school holidays you won't be charged for the 30 hours unless you have:

1. Booked in as extra in the holiday period
2. Agreed with management that holidays will always be charged and want to keep a full year contract

In this case then funding won't cover you in the holidays and you will be charged in line with the fee's.

When claiming 30 hours funding on a stretched basis (over 52 weeks) the 30 hours funding per week will compress down to 22 hours per week. However the funding will cover you for 22 hours per week over 52 weeks of the year.

The fee's change each year in April and are announced within 4 weeks notice or less.

30 hours term time only

When claiming 30 hours on a term time only basis this can cover x3 full day sessions.

- 3x 10 hour session - 8am till 6pm = 30 hours

If you are receiving 30 hours per week and claiming on a term time basis but only attending for 2 days then we would only claim 20 hours funding out of the 30 hours funding available.

30 hours stretched

When claiming 30 hours on a stretched basis the weekly funding hours will reduce to 22 hours per week but you will claim over 52 weeks of the year.

If attending 3 days per week the 22 hours would cover x2 full days and 2 hours of the 3rd day.

- *2x 10 hour session - 8am till 6pm = 20 hours*
- *2 hours of third day = 2 hours*

If you are receiving 30 hours per week and claiming on a term time basis but only attending for 2 days then we would only claim 20 hours funding out of the 30 hours funding available.

There will be no extra flexibility when claiming the funding e.g claiming 9am - 4pm per day.

Consumables

This table states the consumables that will be charged when funding is claimed (optional).

<i>Consumable</i>	<i>Price</i>
Breakfast & Morning Snack	£2.85
Morning Snack (if not in for breakfast)	£1.30
Hot Lunch	£3.95
Tea	£2.85
Nappies & Wipes	£1.75

How will these be charged?

Here's an example of how your charges might look, on the days you have chosen to use your funding on:

Child A attends Monday - Thursday full days, designated funding days are Monday (10 hours) & Tuesday (10 hours), Wednesday (10 hours).

Monday - breakfast & morning snack, hot lunch, tea & nappies = £11.40

Tuesday - breakfast & morning snack, hot lunch, tea & nappies = £11.40

Wednesday - breakfast & morning snack, hot lunch, tea & nappies = £11.40

If you were doing 4 days per week, then the fourth day would be charged in line with our private fee's which all consumables are included within.

The food provided by the nest nursery is an optional service and if you do not consent then you will need to follow the 'providing consumables from home' policy.

15 hours & 30 hours funding (3-4 year olds)

As mentioned previously, when claiming 30 hours funding on a term time only basis during the school holidays you won't be charged for the 30 hours unless you have booked them as extra in the holiday period.

When claiming 30 hours funding on a stretched basis your weekly funding allowance will decrease to 22 hours per week.

Hours

As parents/carers will know we have been extremely flexible with funding hours for 3 year olds and we hope we can still offer this to parents both existing and new to the nursery.

We have never put a limit either on the amount of funded children we have in the setting and we don't plan to. We want every parent to be able to use the free hours for their child/children to experience nursery.

With the introduction of funding from a term after 9 months coming into action we didn't think we would still be able to be as accommodating for 3 year old funding. However, for the time being we are able to maintain this flexibility.

Meaning that if some children needed to do 9am till 3pm five days per week, then we would try our best to accommodate this for pre-school age.

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Tea	£2.85
Nappies & Wipes	£1.75

How will these be charged (15 hours)

Here's an example of how your charges might look, on the days you have chosen to use your funding on:

Child A attends Monday - Thursday full days, designated funding days are Monday (10 hours) & Tuesday (5 hours).

Monday - breakfast & morning snack, hot lunch, tea & nappies = £11.40

Tuesday (AM session only) - Breakfast & morning snack, hot lunch = £6.80

Tuesday PM sessions and the rest of the week will be charged in line with our fees.

How will these be charged (30 hours)

Child B attends Tuesday - Friday full days, designated funding days are Tuesday (10 hours), Wednesday (10 hours) & Thursday (10 hours).

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - all consumables charged (depending on nappies)

Friday sessions will be charged in line with our fees.

How will these be charged (22 hours stretched)

Child B attends Tuesday - Friday full days, designated funding days are Tuesday (10 hours), Wednesday (10 hours) & Thursday (2hours).

Tuesday, Wednesday - all consumables charged (depending on nappies)

Thursday 8 hours would be charged (daily fee as cheaper)

Friday sessions will be charged in line with our fees.

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It is parents/carers responsibility to apply for the funding hours, you can receive more information and steps on how to apply on this website - <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

Once you have applied for the code you will receive reminders from HMRC to reconfirm the code every 3 months, please make sure you do this or it will affect your chances to claim the funding each term.

If you have any further questions then please speak with Megan.

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