



Funding Policy

Types of Early Years Funding

Supported Two-year-old funding

A child will be entitled to 570 funded hours a year from the term after both the child has turned two years of age **and** the child or parent meets the eligibility criteria. This equates to 3 x 5-hour sessions term time only. Parents of supported two-year-olds can choose to add more chargeable sessions and can choose between a term time only contract or increase to a 52-week contract at a charge for anything over 38 weeks.

Where a child is in receipt of Supported Two-year-old funding they will continue to receive their funded place until the point when the child becomes eligible for the Universal Funding, even if the child or parent ceases to meet the eligibility criteria during this time.

Universal Three- and Four-year-old Funding

All three- and four-year-olds are entitled to 570 funded childcare hours a year (25 hours a week = 3 x 5-hour sessions term time only). Regulation requires us to validate a child's age. Parents will need to provide evidence of a child's birth date via their birth certificate and copies may be taken and retained as evidence of compliance and stored in line with our retention policy. If you are DWP accessing 15-hours for your 3-4 year old funding we can advise what a stretched offer would look like for you.

Working Families Funding

Working Families Funding is for qualifying working parents with a child aged 9 months to 4 years old. A child will be entitled to 1140 funded hours a year from the term after they have attained the relevant age and the eligibility criteria, set by the government, has been met. Parents can check their eligibility here: <https://www.workfamilies.gov.uk/>

Parents must apply for an eligibility code from HMRC via their Childcare Service Account. This eligibility code must be provided to us before the Early Years Funding can be claimed.