

Our Guide to Funding-15 Hours



Understanding the funding and who is eligible:

Working parents are eligible to 'funded childcare'. The age of your child will affect the amount of funding you receive. The funding is as follows;

- **15 hours a week** if your child is **9 months to 2 years old**

What is the '15-hour funded childcare':

Under the **15-hour** funded child care, each child is entitled to a total of **570** hours of funding per academic year (September to August).

- You may **only** begin claiming this funding from the term after your child turns 9-months old.
- We will provide 15 hours 'funded childcare' per week for the 38 weeks of the academic year. Our nurseries operate for 51-weeks of the year.
- Full fees apply for the remaining 13 weeks of the year where no funding is available, and for any additional sessions booked.

How we provide the 15-hour funded childcare:

To provide the 15-hour funded childcare in line with our operating hours and availability, we will structure the weekly childcare hours as follows:

- **2 Full Days**

Parents can choose to use their 15 funded hours across 2 full days, where each full day lasts 10 hours. Full day sessions are **7:30 AM to 5:30 PM** (10 hours) or **8:00 AM to 6:00 PM** (10 hours). The additional 5 hours per week beyond the 15 funded hours will be charged at full fees.

- **4 Half-Day Sessions**

Alternatively, parents can split the 15 hours over 4 half-day sessions where each session is 5 hours. Half-Day Sessions are either, **7:30 AM to 12:30 PM** (5 hours) or **1:00 PM to 6:00 PM** (5 hours). The additional 5 hours per week beyond the 15 funded hours will be charged at full fees.

Summary of costs and breakdown:

- **15 Free Hours Per Week:** You are entitled to 15 hours of funded childcare each week for **38 weeks** of the academic year (September to August).
- **Full Fees Apply for 13 Weeks:** Our nurseries operate for 51 weeks per year, so full fees will apply for the remaining 13 weeks when no funding is available.

Additional Costs:

- **Sundries Charge:** A fee of **£1.50 per hour** will be applied for each hour of funded childcare. This covers consumables like snacks, cleaning materials, enhanced provision and other resources not included in early years funding. For example, if your child uses the full 15 funded hours each week, the **Sundries charge will be £22.50** (£1.50 x 15 hours).

Summary of Costs for a Week of 15 Free Hours:

- **Funding Provided:** 15 hours per week of funded childcare.
- **Additional 5 hours charged at full fees:** £37.00.
- **Sundries Charge:** £22.50 for the 15 hours. **Total per week for 15 Hours of childcare:** £59.50