

## **Funding Explained**

When your child turns 3 years old, they might be entitled to 30 hours of free childcare:

- 15 hours funded – called universal hours. All children are entitled to this after their third birthday.
- A further 15 hours funded – called extended hours. Eligibility varies per family, check to see if you are eligible: <https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

We allow parents to use their Childs hours stretched across the year or during the academic school terms.

The sessions we offer are Monday to Friday:

- Short days                      9am – 4pm (7 hours)
- Full days                        7:30am – 6pm (10.5 hours)
- Morning Session            7:30am – 1pm (5.5 hours)
- Afternoon Session         1pm – 6pm (5 hours)

### **Consumables charge**

A consumables charge is incurred on the funded hours used. This covers snacks, breakfast, lunch, tea and baby wipes.

Fully funded day– the charge is £10 for that day

Half funded day – the charge is £5 for that day

Short funded day – the charge is £8 for that day

### **Term Time**

If hours are used term time only, then your child will only attend nursery during the academic school terms. If you want to attend during school holidays, these sessions can be booked as an extra.

There are 38 weeks in an academic term – funding available is 30 hours or 15 hours over 38 weeks.

If your child's booked sessions exceed the funded hours per week (15 or 30 hours), then the extra hours/sessions will be billed at the end of each month.

We only allow the above sessions to be booked (Full day, half day, morning/afternoon or short day), to allow us to plan for staffing.

## Stretched

Stretched funding allows parents to stretch the hours over the year, giving 21 hours to use each week ( if only claiming 15 hours of funding – 10.5 hours to use over the year)

You can book your child's sessions to utilise just the funded hours, eg. 2 morning sessions and 2 afternoon sessions. Or offset the hours against all sessions booked.

Once the funded hours have been allocated and used, any surplus hours that your child attended are billed at that session's hourly rate.

Full day session - £4.38 per hour

AM session - £5.82 per hour

PM session - £6 per hour

Short day session - £6 per hour

Eg. Your child attends 3 full days Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and you want to use the 30 funded hours stretched.

3 full days – 10.5 hours per day = you child attends 31.5 hours per week.

The maximum funded hours that can be offset per day is 10 hours.

Tuesday	10.5 hours attended
	10 funded hours used
	0.5 hour charge at £4.38 per hour
	Consumables charge - £10
Wednesday	10.5 hours attended
	10 funded hours used
	0.5 hour charge at £4.38 per hour
	Consumables charge - £10
Friday	10.5 hours attended
	1 hour funded
	9.5 hours charged at £4.38 per hour
	No consumables fee – as minimal funding used

### **Invoicing**

The system we use throughout nursery is called Connect Childcare. All of our monthly invoices are raised from this system.

The system allocates the funded hours available to each child, if there is part of the session not covered by the funded hours, then this is then charged at the sessions hourly rate.

The allocation of funded hours are usually across the sessions booked, we detail in each monthly invoice how your funded hours are allocated.

The invoices show the funding claimed under 'Grants' – Extended and Universal.

Please do not hesitate to speak to the office if you would like to discuss your invoice.

### **Codes**

Please remember to renew your extended hour's code when you receive the prompt from HMRC. If the code is not renewed in time, you may not receive the 15 extended hours in the next term.