

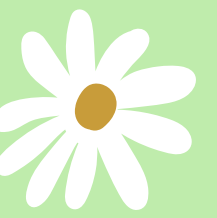


A quick guide to our fees and funding

www.daisychaindaynursery.co.uk



Government Funding Explained



Government Funded Early Education and Childcare is offered to eligible families. Funding is paid during school term times only (38 weeks per year) and starts from the term (January, April or September) after children have turned 9 months, 2 years or 3 years, depending on eligibility.

There are 4 types of funding available:

- **15 hours per week**- for all children from the term after their 3rd birthday, this is called Universal Funding, the only criteria is the child's age – you do not need a code for this offer.
- **An extended offer (totalling 30 hours per week)** - from the term after a child's 3rd birthday for eligible families You must apply for a code via HMRC for this offer. If you use Tax Free Childcare you will be eligible for this funding as the criteria are the same.
- **30 hours per week offer** – for eligible families from the term after their child has turned 9 months, the Government call this Working Families funding, you must apply for a code via HMRC for this offer. If you use Tax Free Childcare you will be eligible for this funding as the criteria are the same.
- **15 hours per week offer** -for families in receipt of certain benefits, children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, children who are in or have left the care of the Local Authority and children who receive Disability Living Allowance – The LA will issue your code for this. This is called funded Childcare for 2 year olds.



Daisy Chain's Funding Offer

We offer the funded childcare for 2-year-olds on either a term-time or stretched basis; we have a limited number of term time only places. All other funding is offered on a stretched basis only, which is stretched over 51 weeks.

Who can get the Working Families Funded Hours?

You may be eligible if:

- You are a working parents (employed or self employed)**
- You earn the equivalent of at least 16 hours at National Minimum Wage, but less than £100,000 each per year**
- Your child meets the age requirements for the current phase of the rollout**

Parents apply through Childcare Choices to receive a unique 30-hour code

Important Application Deadlines

To start using funded hours at the beginning of a term, you must apply before the deadline:

- 31st December - Funding to start in January**
- 31st March - Funding to start in April**
- 31st August - Funding to start in September**

You must also reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months to keep your code valid.



Daisy Chain Packages

Our additional services are completely voluntary. If you choose to opt out, your child will receive our basic package on funded days. If you choose to pay for the additional services, your child will enjoy our enhanced provision.

To support these extras, we ask for a voluntary contribution of:

- £15.00 per full day session
- £9.00 per morning session
- £8.00 per afternoon session
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This fee only applies to funded hours, as privately paid sessions already include everything we provide.

Basic Package

- Care and education as required by the statutory EYFS framework
- Parents will supply all meals, snacks and consumables as per our Packed Lunch Policy

Enhanced Provision

Basic Package and....

- 3 nutritious meals cooked fresh onsite
- Consumables such as nappies, wipes, creams, sun creams etc
- A varied range of extra curricular activities, such as yoga, P.E, Spanish and Music
- Exciting outings and trips
- Bespoke curriculum and pedagogy
- Parent training, socials and events
- Yearly celebration events and parties
- Full access to the Nursery Parent App



Funding Breakdown

Working Families Funding.

Please note: Funding is applied from 1st September - 31st August.

The hours that will be applied each term are:

September-August

30 hours - 22.35 hours per week

January-August

30 hours - 20.57 hours per week

April-August

30 hours - 16.36 hours per week

2 and 3 year old universal Funding.

This would be applied each term as:

September-August

15 hours stretched - 11.18 hours per week

January-August

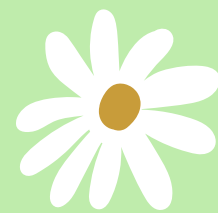
15 hours stretched - 10.28 hour per week

April-August

15 hours stretched - 8.86 hours per week



Frequently Asked Questions



How do I apply for Funding?

- Universal 3 and 4 year olds - all you have to do is contact the nursery and we can talk you through the process
- 2 year old funding - for eligible 2 year olds in receipt of government support, you can apply via Childcare Choices. www.beststartinlife.gov.uk
- Working Families - Visit and apply via Childcares Choices. www.beststartinlife.gov.uk

What else do I need to do?

When you apply for a code you will set up an account via HMRC, if you are eligible, you will receive an 11-digit code. We will give you a Parental Declaration from the Local Authority and a contract from us. We must have these returned to us before your child's first funded session. You must reconfirm your code every 3 months via your HMRC childcare account.

What happens if I cannot work?

If you cannot work, you will receive 15 hours from the term after your child turns 3, and may still be eligible for 15 hours before that if you are in receipt of certain benefits, you can visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for more information.

Can I use Childcare Vouchers, Tax Free Childcare or apply for Universal Credit alongside the funded hours?

Yes, see www.beststartinlife.gov.uk for more information.

How does Daisy Chain administer these hours?

We stretch these hours across the full 51 weeks that we are open so that you will receive some funded hours every week. All our funding runs from when you become eligible until 31st August then resets from 1st September, for example, if you become eligible for 30 hour in September you will have the full 1140 funded hours split across 51 weeks meaning you will receive 22.35 funded hours every week, whereas if you become eligible for the 30 hours in January, there are 24 funded weeks (720 hours) between then and the end of August and 35 weeks of attendance so you will receive 20.57 funded hours every week. Please ask us for a breakdown based on your eligibility start date and the funding offer you are eligible for.



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Do you charge a Registration Fee or Deposit?

A deposit of £200.00 is required to guarantee your child's place, this is refunded from your first invoice. This is not charged for funded Childcare for 2 year olds places. If you do not take up your place after you have booked, the deposit is not refunded.

Can I have my funded hours whenever I want them?

All places are subject to our set sessions and our occupancies, as we have statutory ratio and space requirements. We have a minimum attendance of 2 days per week. Please be advised that if you take a 2 day per week place, we may not be able to increase your sessions if or when you become eligible for the 30 hours offer.

Can my Child attend Term Time Only?

We offer the Funded Childcare for 2 year olds on either a term-time or stretched basis, and a limited number of zero cost places on a term time only basis. All other funding is offered on a stretched basis only.

Can I split my hours between different providers?

You can split your funding between 3 providers on a maximum of 2 sites per day. You must let us know if your child will be attending any other setting so we can work out how funding will be split and add the details onto your Parental Declaration or hold a copy of your Parental Declaration from your other setting, Failure to do so may result in you being charged at our standard fees in the case of an over claim of funded hours.



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The law says I do not have to agree to extra hours or additional services to get my funded hours?

That's right, the Statutory Guidance states that we can't make it conditional that you take extra hours or services in order to access funded hours, it also clarifies that we do not have to offer funded hours. Our decision to offer funding as outlined in this document, with an additional services fee as standard has been explained above but we make families aware that this is our offer and other settings may deliver these hours differently to us.

What if you do not have my preferred days available?

You can join our waiting list or we'll offer the days we have then switch when your preferred days become available.

What if my child is ill or we go on holiday?

Occasional, short term absence such as illness or a family holiday is fine. Where extended absences occur, the Local Authority may allow us to continue to claim funding and hold open your funded place. We will notify them of any absence of more than 2 weeks. We ask that you always notify us if your child will be absent for any reason. Your usual fees are charged to keep your child's place open.

What if I want to change my childcare provider?

You can change provider subject to giving us 4 weeks' notice, we will continue to claim funding until the end of the term that notice is given in so you can start at a new provider the following term. In cases where notice is not given, we will claim 4 weeks funding as a notice period unless there are exceptional circumstances and will invoice you for any remaining fees in lieu of notice.

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Where can I get more information?

You can visit ww.beststartinlife.gov.uk or speak to us.

Helpful Information

If you need any extra advice, support or information, please see contact details below:

Government Website

www.beststartinlife.gov.uk
for a wealth of information on
government funded childcare
schemes

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Please feel free to call, email
or pop along to the nursery
office for more information on
how we support the children
and apply the different funding