



Funding and Extra Charges (From January 2026 to April 2026, rates do change)

We provide funding across 51 weeks of the year (due to our Christmas closure) and then divide by 12 months to give a regular monthly amount that can be applied to your invoice. (This is rather than the 38 term weeks used by the government to calculate funding.)

Your entitlement to funding can be checked and applied for at www.beststartinlife.gov.uk

The ages at which funding can be claimed are below - funding always starts the **term after** a child reaches the age for funding. The funding ages are:

9 months to 2 years: 30 hours, you have to apply.

2 years to 3 years: 30hours, you have to apply.

3 to 4 years: universal 15 hours (no need to apply); additional 15 hours, you have to apply.

Terms are: January to March, April to August, September to December.

How it works

For 30 hours of funding the combined funding hours totals 1140 hours, or 22.35 hours per week.

15 hours of term-time childcare equates to 570 hours per year or 11.176 hours a week. (3/4 year universal funding.)

Please note that the maximum number of hours of funding that can be taken per day is 10 hours. This means that in the case of 15 hours a child would have to be with us for 2 days to gain the full amount or, in the case of 30 hours funding, for 3 days.

How we collect funding

We will ask you to fill out a Parental Agreement so that we can collect the funding on your behalf - the most important information we require is your National Insurance number, date of birth, and your eligibility code.

You are responsible for applying for funding. We can not collect funding unless you are eligible, you have applied on time and have filled out a parental agreement.

Christmas closure credit - in December you will receive a credit for the additional charges for the non-bank holiday days that we are closed, if your child would normally have been in.

Breakdown of charges

Please find below tables showing the parent contributions for non-funded hours, and then consumables, meals and activities of the funded hours. The funding for funded hours is intended to cover only statutory requirements. The charges allow us to provide high quality care, and high quality, hot, nutritious food and allows us to be a sustainable business.

The parent contribution is for:

Unfunded hours: Hours at our usual rate outside the funded hours.

Consumables: Includes, but not exclusively, things such as nappies, administration and suncream. Staffing in excess of Ofsted requirements in order to provide a high quality experience. High quality resources and maintenance.

Meals: our seasonal menus of 3 meals a day cooked by our trained Chefs, served by food trained staff, with snacks and always available fruit.

Activities: Extra curricular activities which we provide to enrich the children's learning experiences including Forest School, outings, speech and language support, language classes, sensory classes, music and sport sessions led by external professionals.



Why do the charges go up with age?

Because the funding rates change for the age groups, unfortunately they decrease; 9 month is £10.10 per hour, 2 year £7.51 per hour and 3/4 year £5.35 per hour.

The rates frequently do not meet the cost of delivery high quality care and rarely increase with inflation or more importantly with wage inflation.

Please note that, currently, the 9 month funding is higher than our hourly charge we therefore pass on the FULL amount of funding (where possible). For those with three days, the funding subsidises the non-funded hours and extra charges. When the funding rate does not meet our costs we ask for a parent contribution so, out of fairness, when it is more we pass on that surplus.

Opting out or in to charges?

If you wish to opt out you would have to enter into a new contract and we would have to check availability for the an opt-out place. An opt out place would have an affect on our sustainability so the number of places is reviewed on a 2 monthly basis.

To opt in requires no change as charging for extras is already in our usual Terms & Conditions.

9 Months to 2 Years Cost

Attended Days	Funded Hours (weekly)	Non funded hrs (weekly)	Parent Contribution (monthly)	Non funded cost (monthly)
1	10	0	£0.00	£0.00
2	20	0	£0.00	£0.00
3	22.35	7.65	£119.63	(Subsidised)
4	22.35	17.65	£479.29	(Subsidised)
5	22.35	27.65	£665.63	(Subsidised)

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2 Years Funding cost

Days Attended	Funded Hours (weekly)	Non funded hrs (weekly)	Parent Contribution (monthly)
1	10	0	£40.49
2	20	0	£80.98
3	22.35	7.65	£365.64
4	22.35	17.65	£725.31
5	22.35	27.65	£911.64

2 Years Costs Breakdown

Days Attended	Non funded hours cost (monthly)	Food (monthly)	Consumables (monthly)	Activities (monthly)
1	£0.00	£12.15	£16.20	£12.15
2	£0.00	£24.30	£32.39	£24.30
3	£275.15	£27.15	£36.20	£27.15
4	£634.81	£27.15	£36.20	£27.15
5	£898.63	£3.91	£5.21	£3.91

(Note 5 days Full Time discount)

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3 & 4 Years Funding: 15 Hours Universal

What you pay:			
Days Attended	Funded Hours (weekly)	Non funded hrs (weekly)	Parent Contribution (monthly)
1	10	0	£132.29
2	11.176	8.824	£465.22
3	11.176	18.824	£824.89
4	11.176	28.824	£1184.55
5	11.176	38.824	£1370.89

Payment Breakdown

Days Attended	Non funded hours cost (monthly)	Food (monthly)	Consumables (monthly)	Activities (monthly)
1	£0.00	£39.69	£52.92	£39.69
2	£317.37	£44.35	£59.14	£44.35
3	£677.04	£44.35	£59.14	£44.35
4	£1036.70	£44.35	£59.14	£44.35
5	£1261.78	£32.73	£43.64	£32.73

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3 & 4 Years Funding: Full 30 hours funding

Days Attended	Funded Hours (weekly)	Non funded hrs (weekly)	Parent Contribution (monthly)
1	10	0	£132.29
2	20	0	£264.58
3	22.35	7.65	£570.82
4	22.35	17.65	£930.48
5	22.35	27.65	£1116.82

Payment Breakdown

Days Attended	Non funded hours cost (monthly)	Food (monthly)	Consumables (monthly)	Activities (monthly)
1	£0.00	£39.69	£52.92	£39.69
2	£0.00	£79.37	£105.83	£79.37
3	£275.15	£88.70	£118.27	£88.70
4	£634.81	£88.70	£118.27	£88.70
5	£898.63	£65.46	£87.28	£65.46

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