

Funding Policy

Free early education

At Enchanted Day Nursery, we offer places for two, three and four year free early education. We offer the free hour's eligible, based on sessions we provide at the setting. The hours we offer the free funding over falls between 08:00 to 18:00. We will not offer places to families until the child's eligibility has been checked and we have received confirmation. This will be done by:

- Checking the child's age through their birth certificate or passport
- Requesting the reference eligibility code from the parent/carer
- Completion of a parent declaration form

Two year free early education

The government offers 15 hours free early education, for eligible families, term time only.

Enchanted Day Nursery accepts this funding, but to ensure it is beneficial to the setting, we offer these hours spread out throughout 52 weeks a year. This means that parents can claim these hours throughout the year, totalling up at 11 hours per week.

Enchanted Day Nursery endeavours to be as flexible as possible, whilst ensuring we meet the necessary staffing arrangements and statutory funding requirements.

An example of 11 hours spread out throughout the week:

Two x half day sessions @ 5.5hours from 08:00-13:30 or 12:30 – 18:00

One x full day @ 10 hours from 08:00 – 18:00

Three/four year free early education

Every child is eligible to 15 hours free early education in the term after their third birthday. This eligibility remains until they start full time school, by the term after their fifth birthday. This funding is universal and open to all children.

Enchanted Day Nursery operates the same procedure for the hours of funding we offer and spreads these 15 hours, over a 52 week period. This entitles families to 11 hours a week, which can be spread out in the same way as the two year funding.



Three/four year 30 hours free childcare

Some three to four year olds are eligible for a total of 30 hours free childcare, term time only. This is an additional 15 hours on top of the universal entitlement for three/four year olds.

Parents can check their eligibility for this entitlement by the HMRC online eligibility checker which can be found on - www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Enchanted Day Nursery accepts these hours of funding, spread out at 22 hours a week throughout the 52 weeks a year.

An example of 22 hours spread out throughout the week:

Two x full day sessions @ 10 hours from 08:00 – 18:00

Four x half day sessions @ 5.5 hours from 08:00 – 13:30 or 12:30 – 18:00

Note:

- Due to the statutory guidelines we cannot offer funded sessions longer than 10 hours. Therefore if parents wish to use their free early education in a full session they can only claim for these hours. These guidelines are subject to change. Enchanted Day Nursery reserves the right to amend and
- make changes to the way we accept free early education, with written confirmation given to families the term before new funding starts.
- Free early education sessions do not include added extras e.g. meals/nappies.
- Families are given the option to provide their own or pay a fee for the nursery to supply these. Families requiring more hours are able to add these on to their free early education funding, at the nursery rate.