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Funded Childcare Guide 2024

A step-by-step guide to
available nursery funding
and eligibility





Welcome to your Funded Childcare Guide 2024

We know there are so many emotions involved with choosing to include your child in a nursery and we thank you wholeheartedly for placing your trust in The Old Station Nursery Group.

The fees and funding side of nursery care can feel complicated, and something else to think about on top of your busy schedule. In this guide we aim to communicate the fees and funding information simply and concisely.

New for 2024 is extended government funded hours for working families from 9 months to 3 years, which is being rolled out in phases. This is in addition to the already existing 15 government funded hours for all 3-year-olds, and enhanced 15 hours for eligible working families.

Let's look at the detail.

Government Funded Childcare – NEW for 2024 and 2025

There are exciting changes in the early years childcare sector in both 2024 and 2025 that will be a great benefit to families and a positive step towards our children's futures.

From April 2024, all eligible working parents of 2-year-olds can access 15 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year, which is 570 hours per year.

From September 2024, all eligible working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3-years-old can access 15 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year, which is 570 hours per year.

From September 2025, all eligible working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3-years-old can access 30 hours free childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year, which is a further 570 hours, totalling 1140 hours per year.

For the purposes of this guide, we will concentrate on our current funding offer for families, and have included September 2024 and 2025 merely as a guide to help you plan for the future.



15 Hours of Funded Childcare for 2-Year-Olds

From April 2024, 2-year-old funding for eligible working families will be 15 hours of government funded care. This is wonderful news for our sector, opening up the option of important nursery education to more families, and extending a financial helping hand to families whose child/ren are already in nursery.

The Details

- The 15 hours of funding is stretched over 51 weeks* – your child will receive 570 hours per year which works out as 11.18 hours per week.*
- This will be split over 2 full days (8-6) which provides 5.59 hours per day fully funded across the middle of the day, and the remaining 4.41 hours to be paid by the parent.*
- Government funding covers care, and not meals or additional services. Lunch, tea and any enhancements during funded hours are charged to the parent for each day.

Benefits to Families

- Spreading the funding across 51 weeks* provides consistency across the year and helps to settle children into a familiar routine.
- Nursery spaces are balanced across the year helping to maximise our availability for families.
- 2 days at nursery per week maximises the full amount of the government funding available to you.

**The number of weeks the funding is stretched over is dependant on Local Authority guidelines. Please speak to the Nursery Manager or refer to the Fee Schedule for further information.*

The 2-Year-Old Nursery Day at a Glance

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| 8:00 - 8:30am | Fees charged at normal rate | Enhancement charges - Contact Nursery Manager for info | |
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| 9:30 - 10:00am | | | |
| 10:00 - 10:30am | | | |
| 10:30 - 11:00am | | | |
| 11:00 - 11:30am | Lunch | | |
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| 14:00 - 14:30pm | | | Tea PM Snack |
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We find it much easier to use this table to visualise how the funding works throughout the day.

The green areas are privately funded hours. Your 2-year-old child will receive breakfast and a morning snack within this cost.

The orange middle part of the day is funded by the government, leaving you to only pay for lunch, tea and any enhancements.

15 Hours of Funded Childcare for 3-Year-Olds

This is not new and a benefit families have enjoyed for several years. Many of our families heave a sigh of relief when their child turns 3 as often a sibling joins nursery too, increasing the family fun but also increasing the cost. The reduction in cost is welcomed by all.

We're pleased to say that 15 hours of funded childcare for all 3-year-olds continues.

The Details

- The 15 hours of funding is stretched over 51 weeks* – your child will receive 570 hours per year which works out as 11.18 hours per week.
- This will be split over 2 full days (8-6) which provides 5.59 hours per day fully funded across the middle of the day, and the remaining 4.41 hours to be paid by the parent.*
- Government funding covers care, and not meals or additional services. Lunch, tea and any enhancements during funded hours are charged to the parent for each day.

Benefits to Families

- Spreading the funding across 51 weeks* provides consistency across the year and helps to settle children into a familiar routine.*
- Nursery spaces are balanced across the year helping to maximise our availability for families.
- 2 days at nursery per week maximises the full amount of the government funding available to you.

**The number of weeks the funding is stretched over is dependant on Local Authority guidelines. Please speak to the Nursery Manager or refer to the Fee Schedule for further information.*

The 3-Year-Old Nursery Day at a Glance (15 hours)

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| 8:00 - 8:30am | Fees charged at normal rate | Enhancement charges - Contact Nursery Manager for info |
| 8:30 - 9:00am | | |
| 9:00 - 9:30am | | |
| 9:30 - 10:00am | | |
| 10:00 - 10:30am | | |
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| 17:00 - 17:30pm | Fees charged at normal rate | |
| 17:30 - 18:00 pm | | |

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The pink areas are privately funded hours. Your 3-year-old child will receive breakfast and a morning snack within this cost.

The blue middle part of the day is funded by the government, leaving you to only pay for lunch, tea and any enhancements.

30 Hours of Funded Childcare for eligible 3-Year-Olds

Who is Eligible?

Your eligibility of receiving 30 hours funded childcare for your 3 or 4-year-old, depends on:

- If you are working
- Your income (and your partner's income if applicable)
- Your child's age and circumstances
- Your immigration status

If you are working:

You can get 30 hours funded childcare at the same time as claiming Universal Credit, Tax Credits, Childcare Vouchers, or Tax-Free Childcare if you are:

- In work
- On sick leave or annual leave
- On shared parental, maternity, paternity, or adoption leave

If you're on adoption leave for a child aged 3 or 4-years-old, you must return to work within 31 days of the date you first apply for 30 hours funded childcare for that child.

If you are not currently working:

- You may still be eligible if your partner is working, and you get Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Limited Capability for Work Benefit or contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance.
- You can apply if you are starting or re-starting work within the next 31 days.



Any parents who believe they will be eligible for the 30 hours of funding must apply for their eligibility code online as soon as possible and no later than 31st March 2024. If your child is eligible for 30 hours, this code MUST be re-verified every 3 months. Please go to <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> to apply for an eligibility code. You can also check to see if you are eligible by using the Childcare Calculator at: <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>.

Please send the 30-hour code, along with your national insurance number using the following link <https://tosngroup.co/submit-funding-code>. We will check that the code is eligible before it is applied to your nursery account.

The Details

- The 30 hours of funding is stretched over 51 weeks* – your child will receive 1140 hours per year which works out as 22.35 hours per week.
- This can be split over 3 full days (8-6) which provides 7.45 hours per day fully funded across the middle of the day, and the remaining 2.55 hours to be paid by the parent.
- Government funding covers care, and not meals or additional services. Lunch, tea and any enhancements during funded hours are charged to the parent for each day.

Benefits to Families

- Spreading the funding across 51 weeks* provides consistency across the year and helps to settle children into a familiar routine.
- Nursery spaces are balanced across the year helping to maximise our availability for families.
- 3 days at nursery per week maximises the full amount of the government funding available to you.

| The 3-Year-Old Nursery Day at a Glance (30 hours) | | |
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Extra Charges

Government funding only covers a limited number of hours and does not include meals, essentials and all the wonderful, enhanced activities that The Old Station Nursery children love.

Your local Nursery Manager will be able to provide full details, but this handy list will give you a flavour of what we class as an extra charge.

Nursery



Nursery care outside of core middle-day hours

Meals & Refreshments



Lunch (£3.85)



Tea and afternoon snack (£3.75)
during funded hours

Enhancements*



Wonderful World



Raving Readers



Rugby Tots



Nappies



My Happy and
Healthy Self



Forest School



Cookery Club



Sunscreen



Mini Maths



Montessori



Yoga Club



Nursery equipment



Super STEAM



Language Specialist



Sustainable resources



Boogie Beats



Confident Speakers
and Communicators



& Many More!

*Please speak to your Nursery Manager for enhancements on offer at your child's nursery.