

FEEE1W, FEEE2 – Early Learning for 2-year olds, FEEE2W, FEEE3-4 & EFE

FEEE2 – Early Learning for 2-year olds

This can be accessed by children whose parents are in receipt of set benefits. If a child is entitled to these funded hours, they will receive it the term after they turn two years old. These are a maximum of 15 hours per week over 38 weeks per year. A minimum of 5 hours per day to a maximum of 10 can be claimed at the setting.

These places can be accessed term time only in our setting or all year round. The funded hours are used during term time so if you choose for your child to attend all year round the normal session charges will apply over the remainder weeks in the year. All our funded hour sessions have a voluntary food charge and, in some cases, additional hour charges if your child attends over the funded hours. Please request a discussion to talk about options if paying for the voluntary food charges may pose a problem for your family.

An annual 'Parent Agreement Form' will need to be completed, the sessions (if available) can be amended each term by sending an email or coming into the office to amend your child's form.

Our fee structure clearly details the voluntary food charges per session/day and additional hour charges if not covered by the funded hours. A minimum of a months' notice will be given for any changes to voluntary food or additional hour charges.

FEEE1W and FEEE2W

These funded hours are for eligible working parents. If a child is entitled to these funded hours, they will receive it the term after they turn nine months old. These funded hours are 30 hours per week over 38 weeks per year. A minimum of 5 hours per day to a maximum of 10 can be claimed at the setting.

We will be offering these funded hours to all children eligible and can be offered term time or all year round. There is a voluntary food charge for these sessions but please request a discussion to talk about options if paying for the voluntary food charges may pose a problem for your family.

The funded hours for an all-year-round child will cover term time, 38 weeks and normal session charges will apply for the remaining weeks of the year. There will also be a voluntary food charge per session/day and additional hour/session charges if not covered by the funded hours during the term time weeks. Please request a discussion to talk about options if paying for the food charges may pose a problem for your family.

An annual 'Parent Agreement Form' will need to be completed, the sessions (if available) can be amended each term by sending an email or coming into the office to amend your child's form.

Our fee structure clearly details the voluntary food charges per session/day and additional hour charges if not covered by the funded hours. A minimum of a months' notice will be given for any changes to voluntary food or additional hour charges.

FEEE3-4

This is the current universal funding of up to 15 hours per week over 38 weeks of the year. A minimum of 3 hours per day to a maximum of 10 hours per day can be claimed at the setting. The option of a 3, 4 & 7.5 hour session are only available in our Pre-school 2 room.

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All children are entitled to these funded hours the term after they turn three years old.

These funded hours can be used in our Pre-school 2 room (can be accessed the term your child turns 3) which is open term time only (38 weeks of the year) for a 3, 4 or 7.5 hour session. There are no additional hour or voluntary food charges for this room if you only use your funded hours. You provide snacks and lunch for your own child. You are welcome to do extra sessions or breakfast club in addition to your funded hours (if space allows) but these are chargeable.

You can also use these funded hours in our Pre-school 1 room which is open all year round. The funded hours will be used for sessions during the 38 term time weeks and all other weeks are chargeable at the normal session rates for the year. There will also be voluntary food charges per session/day and possible additional hour/session charges on the funded sessions. Please request a discussion to talk about options if paying for the voluntary food charges may pose a problem.

An annual 'Parent Agreement Form' will need to be completed, the sessions (if available) can be amended each term by sending an email or coming into the office to amend your child's form.

Our fee structure clearly details the voluntary food charges per session/day and additional hour charges if not covered by the funded hours. A minimum of a months' notice will be given for any changes to voluntary food or additional hour charges.

FEEE3&4 (EfE)

Some working families will be eligible to receive an additional 15 hours per week over 38 weeks term time, this is the current extended funding. This can be used as explained above for both Pre-school rooms. If a child is entitled to this funding, they will receive it the term after they turn three years old.

Additional types of funding

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is additional government funding aimed at improving educational outcomes for socio-economically disadvantaged children in early years settings.

Disability Access Fund (DAF) is a funding initiative to support children with disabilities in early years settings.

The Special Educational Needs Inclusion Fund (SENIF) is a statutory requirement designed to enable early years settings to support children with special educational needs and disabilities.

The Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) is a measure used to assess the proportion of children under the age of 16 living in low-income households within a specific area.

Helpful sites

[Best Start in Life - Best Start in Life](#)

<https://www.gov.uk/check-eligible-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

[15 hours funded early learning for 2 year olds | Essex County Council](#)

[Tax-Free Childcare: Apply for Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](#)