



## **Funding Entitlements 2022**

### **Government 15 & 30 hour Early Years Entitlement (FEEE)**

The nursery accepts the Early Years Government funding for children who are eligible. This commences from the term after their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday (if eligible), or 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday (standard 3 year or Extended 30 hour Entitlement). We have a limited number of funded spaces so this is subject to availability and for allocated session times (discussed before admission).

The funding is based on a school year (570 hours over 38 weeks). However, as our nursery operates over 51 weeks a year (excluding 1 week Christmas closure), the funded hours are stretched over this period (as authorised by the government).

If you require extra hours/sessions outside of the funded hours, there will be an additional top up charge. This will be discussed in further detail during your visit and/or induction.

Essex County Council funding applies to the education and care of the children only, we therefore, ask parents to contribute towards additional services and equipment such as food, cookery and craft materials. Also, for extra-curricular activities (external companies providing weekly; French, sports, dance lessons) - we charge for these and you can 'opt out' of these extra- curricular sessions if preferred.

Essex County Council require us to see proof of your current registered address to receive funding. Please provide the nursery with ID with proof of your address (e.g. drivers licence, utility bill).

The funding is broken down into three terms:

Spring Term: 3rd January-1<sup>st</sup> April 22

Summer Term: 4th April-26th August 22

Autumn Term: 29<sup>th</sup> August-23rd December 22

### **2 Year Funding**

Your 2-year-old can receive funding if you live in England and get one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit, and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments
- Tax credits, and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- The Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

2-year-olds can also get free childcare if they:

- are looked after by a local authority
- have a statement of [special education needs \(SEN\)](#) or an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- get [Disability Living Allowance](#)
- have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order



### **15 hour FEEE Funding for all 3 and 4-year-olds**

The free early education entitlement (FEEE) is a government programme. It gives all three to four-year-olds up to 15 hours (stretched over the nursery term) of free early education per week.

This funding comes from central government to Essex County Council who sets the funding rates and make payments directly to the childcare setting. This is paid from the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday until they go into Reception class or reach compulsory school age (the term following their fifth birthday).

### **30 hour Extended Entitlement**

Working families can get up to 30 hours funding for 3 to 4-year olds.

Visit GOV.UK to check if you're [eligible for the additional 30 hours and apply online](#)

### **Other Funding allocations to support children's development**

(This is paid directly to the setting and cannot be used for additional sessions or attendance)

### **Early years pupil premium (EYPP)**

We may be able to apply for extra funding to spend on enriching a child's learning and improve outcomes for them. The funding is called Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) and is paid directly to the setting.

For us to apply for the EYPP for your child must be three or four years old, receiving free early education and you need to be receiving one or more of the benefits below:

- Income support
- Job seekers' allowance (income based)
- Employment and support allowance (income related)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of the state pension credit
- Child tax credit based on an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
- Working tax credit run-on.

#### **We can also apply if your child:**

- Has been looked after by the local authority (has been in care for at least one day)
- Has been adopted from care
- Has left care through a special guardianship

This payment to the setting for your child will not affect any benefits you are claiming.

If you feel that your child may be eligible, please speak to the nursery manager.

### **How EYPP can help your child**

Children develop quickly during their early years and a child's experiences between birth and the age of 5 can have a big impact on their later life.

EYPP can improve early learning experiences and the funding could be used on things like:

- extra resources and equipment suited to a child's needs
- activity experiences
- preparing for school
- additional support if it benefits a child's learning

Arrangements for funding allocations will be discussed with you when received.



## **Inclusion Grant Funding**

The funding can be used to pay towards an enhanced level of adult support for a child who has:

- a disability
- special educational needs
- a medical need

The setting will use the funding to:

- give additional support to the child
- help the child to feel included
- help the child to take part in activities

## **SEN Premium Funding**

The nursery may get this funding if:

- your child has SEN or a disability
- the Health Authority sends us a Section 23 Notice
- your child also gets the free early education entitlement for three-and-four-year olds

**How SEN Premium may be used:**

- to give full support to the child
- to help the child to feel included
- to help the child to take part in activities
- for resources that support the child to learn and develop
- for cover so that key staff can attend meetings with the child's parents and professionals

The Pre-School Allocation Panel will request further information from the setting in order to allocate this funding.

## **Disability access fund**

If a child is in receipt of the FEEE funding and receiving Disability living allowance (DLA), the nursery is eligible to receive disability access funding (DAF). This used to help the nursery make reasonable adjustments to improve the child's access to free early education. It is paid directly to the nursery who will work closely with parents to agree how this funding will be used. The DAF cannot be used towards childcare fees or providing more FEEE hours.

**The process for qualification is as follows:**

Parents of children qualifying for Disability Living Allowance (DLA) will be required to provide the nursery with evidence of this entitlement for us to apply.

The parent will be required to provide evidence on an annual basis for the funding to continue.