

# Funded Sessions-Our Offer

## A GUIDE FOR PARENTS



At the start of the term after your child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday they will become entitled to receive 15 hours of funded early year's education. Some children will be entitled to an additional 15 hours (30 hours funding).

Funded places are offered on a first come basis and with consideration to the sessions requested in relation to those we have available and the type of contract you are signed up to.

### **Fee Paying and Funded Offer - Stretched;**

This is how most parents use their child's free hours at Hungry Caterpillars. You will be signed up to our 'standard contract' in which you will get your funded hours free and pay for the additional hours your child attends as per our fee schedule. All additional services, food and consumables are included in your fees.

**15 hours funding** is offered at a rate of 11 hours per week over a minimum of 4 sessions per week, two full days or a combination of the two.

**30 hours funding** is offered at a rate 22.35 hours per week over a minimum of 3 full days per week, 6 sessions or a combination of the two.

### **How else can you use your 3 and 4 year old funded hours?**

#### **Basic Funded Offer 15 hours - Term Time: (Places are limited)**

This is where a child attends for the free 15 hours over 38 weeks of term time, a total of 570 hours. Sessions are offered over 3 half day sessions of 5 hours each.

#### **Basic Funded Offer 15 hours - Stretch Funding: (Places are limited)**

This is where a child's free hours are spread over a full year. Parents can claim 10 hours per week for 51 weeks, a total of 510 hours. Sessions are offered over 2 half day sessions of 5 hours each. You will be allocated your additional 60 hours at a rate of 4 x 5 hours session per term based on availability within the nursery.

#### **Basic Funded Offer 30 hours - Stretch Funding: (Places are limited)**

This is where child's free hours are spread over a full year. Parents can claim 20 hours per week for 51 weeks, a total of 1020 hours. Sessions are offered over 4 half day sessions of 5 hours each. We only offer 30 hours funding as a stretch offer over 51 weeks. You will be

allocated your additional 120 hours at a rate of 8 x 5 hours session per term based on availability within the nursery.

Under our Basic Funded Offer places are offered and allocated based on the spaces the nursery has available. The place or sessions are subject to change on a termly basis, based on the spaces available in the nursery.

### **Children accessing our Basic Funded Offer have the option to:**

1. Pay our additional fee to access nursery lunch (£3.50) or tea (£2.00) per day. The charge is calculated for the full term and split into a monthly charge
2. Bring a packed lunch (am) or packed tea (pm) depending on their session.
3. If attending two sessions on one day (full day) either; go home for lunch and bring a packed tea or bring a packed lunch and pay for tea.

Under environmental health guidelines we cannot store food for more than four hours.

Parent's wishing to access our Basic Funded Offer must sign up to our Basic Funded Offer Contract in order to access their place. ([Terms and Conditions apply](#))

### **Nursery Funding for 2 year olds**

We also offer a number of funded places for eligible two year olds. The criteria requires parents to be issued with an eligibility letter via the local authority.

Once awarded 2 year old funding continues even if your circumstances change or if you choose to move to another nursery. To discuss session options please talk to the nursery manager.

2 year old funded places include access to all nursery food and drink.

### **What's not included in a free funded session?**

The fees we are paid by the government cover only the funded session itself. Currently we also provide morning and afternoon snack depending on the session. These additional services are not covered by the funding rate.

If accessing a 'basic funded place' nappies, wipes and creams, if normally provided by the nursery, must be provided from home. A deposit or registration fee payment is not required for a Basic Funded Session, however the contract is termly and session will be subject to change on a termly basis depending on the sessions we have available. Extra sessions cannot be booked as part of a regular booking pattern and all agreed ad-hoc sessions must be paid for in advance.