



# Chalfont funded sessions-The Basics

## A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

### Admissions

Funded places are offered on a first come basis and with consideration to the sessions requested in relation to those we have available.

### Nursery Funding for Three and Four Year olds

At Hungry Caterpillars we offer government funded places for three and four olds. Your child is entitled to funding the term after their third birthday providing their birthday falls before the cut-off date. If it does not funding will start the following term.

### Funded Sessions for 2 year olds

We also offer funded places for eligible two year olds. The criteria requires parents to be in receipt of one of the following:

*Income support, Income based Job Seekers Allowance, Income related Employment and Support Allowance, Support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit, Tax Credit and an annual income of less than £16,190*

Or if your child:

*Has a statutory statement of Special Educational Needs, Has left local authority care through a Special Guardianship Order, adoption or residence order, Is a Looked After Child (Foster Care), Is in receipt of Disability Living allowance*

Once awarded 2 year old funding continues even if your circumstances change or if you choose to move to another nursery.

## How many funded hours can my child attend?

You are entitled 570 hours per year - this is the 15 hours Universal offer or 1140 hour per year - this is the 30 hours extended offer. We offer this as a stretched offer only we don't have a term time only offer.

### 'Stretched Funding'

- Universal offer - 11 hours per week over 51 weeks
- Extended offer - 22 hours per week over 51 weeks

A minimum of 20 hours per week attendance is required, with additional hours over and above funded hours, charged at an hourly rate, which decreases the more additional hours booked.

### Stand alone offer - completely Free Offer

We provide a limited number of completely free Universal and Extended places, these are also offered on a stretched basis. The sessions are allocated based on availability within the nursery.

Universal offer - these sessions are available on a Monday and Friday afternoon from 1.00pm-6.30pm - 11 hours per week

OR

Extended offer - these sessions are available 4 afternoons per week 1.00pm-6.30pm

### 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 meals throughout the day and weekly Forest School & French lessons for all children attending. These additional services are not covered by the funding rate. If accessing a completely free place nappy, wipes and any creams, if required, must be provided from home. Snacks and drinks are provided free of charge.

## Fees and Charges:

If your child is attending on the stand alone offer funded sessions - you are not required to pay a deposit or registration fee to secure your place. Deposits are only required if you access additional sessions on top of your free funded sessions.

Parents can pay to access meals cooked at nursery or alternatively you can collect your child during meal times. We do not offer the option of providing your own food from home.

If parents wish to access additional hours on top of the funded sessions, the rates for these are shown below. See nursery fees for all other session charges outside of funding sessions.

Funded Place Extended Day	7.30am to 8am	£6.50
Funded Place AM, 8am to 1pm	Lunch Fee	£3.50
Funded Place PM, 1pm to 6pm	Tea Fee	£2.50
Extra hour	By prior arrangement	£12.00

**Funding can seem complicated so please feel free to ask the Nursery Manager for more information on how to check your child's eligibility and access free funded sessions.**