Fees and Funding Explained

If you're new to childcare, knowing what your family may be entitled to can be overwhelming, but the good news is help is available! This guide explains early years funding in a simple way so you know what support your family can get.

Nature Barn Nursery

What is early years funding?

In England, there are two government funding programmes. You can make the most of either 15 or 30 funded hours per week, depending on your circumstances. We receive funding for 38 weeks of the year, therefore if you are entitled to 15 hours funding, this equates to 11 hours funding per week across the year and if you are entitled to 30 hours funding, this equates to 22 hours per week.

Working family funded childcare from 9 months

This scheme is for qualifying working parents. The funded hours are provided across 38 weeks during term time and, if you're living with your partner you'll need to apply together.

Parents:

- Should be working at least 16 hours a week
- Can be on sick leave or parental leave
- Must each earn less than £100,000 a year
- Might still be eligible while claiming benefits.

We can offer your child more than their funded hours per week, if you need them. These additional hours are paid for and are referred to as non-funded hours. Please view our fee structure to see how this is calculated. There are some other specific things that can affect your eligibility, like your immigration status, where your child lives, and your child's exact age. You can read more about this on the government website: beststartinlife.gov.uk

Universal funded childcare for 3 year olds

You can claim up not 15 hours funding per week, 38 weeks of the year. All parents of 3 and 4 year olds can access this scheme.

Here's what you need to know:

- All 3 and 4 year olds qualify for this scheme.
- You might be eligible for 15 hours' funded childcare at the same time as other government schemes or incentives. To find out more, visit gov.uk/browse/benefits

2 year funding

We also offer the scheme to some 2 year olds already in receipt of government support, if:

- Parents are receiving certain benefits
- The child has Disability Living Allowance or Special Education Needs (SEND)
- The child has a kinship or guardianship order
- The child is being looked after by a local authority. Our 15 hours' funded places for 2 year olds can be limited. To find out more, please speak to the manager.

Tax-free childcare

You can use tax-free childcare and early years funding together to save money on your childcare fees. This scheme helps working parents pay for childcare. For every £8 you pay in, the government pays in £2 up to £2000 per year or £4000 if your child is disabled. You can use this is your child is under 12 years old, both parents work, earn at least £167 per week and less than £100,000 per year. You must not be claiming other childcare vouchers, working tax credit or universal credit. For more information visit beststartinlife.gov.uk

Our Funding Offer

Government funding is not intended to cover the full cost of childcare. The funding covers core care hours but excludes:

-meals

-suncream

-nappies

-extra hours

-extra curricula activities- including Sing and Sign, Phonics with Robot Reg, Hartbeeps, visiting to our Grandfriends and animal experiences

-nursery app with live updates

-nursery events including summer party, graduation, mothers day, fathers day and Christmas party with gifts

-nursery outings using the mini bus

-forest school outings

-additional staff beyond Ofsted requirements

It's important to note that government funding is **not** intended to cover the full cost of childcare.



Our all-inclusive package provides children with nutritious meals provided by experts in the field- Nursery Kitchen, where children get to try a range of dishes and promoting a healthy balanced diet. At Nature Barn, we want mornings to be as easy as possible for parents, therefore, suncream, nappies, wipes and meals are all included in your monthly fees. We use an online learning journal where you can receive updates throughout the day of how your child is getting on. Nature Barn promotes a love of outdoors and new experiences, which is why in the all-inclusive package, children will have access to enriching extra curricula activities such as Hartbeeps, Sing and Sign, Phonics with Robot Reg, Forest School, well-being sessions and nursery outings in the mini-bus. Lastly, as Nature Barn is open all-year-round, the all-inclusive package allows children to access the nursery all year round (closing for 1 weeks over Christmas and bank holidays), allowing for care and consistency for children across the setting. This is charged at £2 per funded hour. Any non-funded sessions/hours booked automatically includes the all-inclusive package at no additional cost.

FAQs

When does funding start?

Funding begins the term after your child's birthday that they become eligible. Some families are entitled from the term after they are 9 months old.
The terms are:
-September to December
-January to March
-April to August

Thinking of opting out?

If you are considering opting out of our all-inclusive package, please first discuss your decision with the Nursery Manager. They will explain the process and provide you with the relevant information. Please note that we require at least a term's notice to process your request. This allows us to update our records, adjust invoices, and ensure the nursery is fully prepared for any changes related to your child's care. If you choose to provide your own items before the notice period expires, the relevant charges will still apply. Families that enrol into our all-inclusive package receive priority for high-demand days. For families that decide to opt out, session availability will be reviewed termly and where availability is limited, we cannot guarantee the same booking pattern across the terms. Participation in our all-inclusive package is not a condition for accessing a funded place.

What should I do with my code?

If you are entitled to funding, you will need to make the manager aware and complete a funding form. We must also have a copy of your child's birth certificate.

I've missed the deadline to apply for my eligibility code. Can I still get funding?

Codes only provide funding in the term after you apply, so if you miss the deadline (on the last day of March, August and December), we will not be able to access the funded hours until next term. If your child is 3 or above then you're still eligible for 15 hours, because it's available to all children, regardless of whether parents are working. HMRC might prompt you to reconfirm your code before the start of the new term, so please remember to do this to stay eligible. If you fail to reconfirm your eligibility, you may not be able to receive funding.

What if my child attends another setting too?

Funding can be shared between different providers (unless you are entitled to 2 year funding). A funding form will need to be completed by parents for each setting.

Our Fees

Fees are charged on an annualised basis. They are calculated across 51 weeks of the year and divided into twelve equal monthly payments in advance of the 1st of each month. Fees are due on the 25th of every month.

Fees remain payable during periods of non-attendance, holidays, bank holidays and in any instances where the nursery needs to urgently close for a short period of time.

Some parents may be entitled up to 15 hours funding or 30 hours funding per week over 38 weeks of the year. We stretch our funding over 51 weeks of the year, meaning if you are entitled to 15 hours funding, this equates to 11 hours per week stretched. If you are entitled to 30 hours funding, this equates to 22 hours per week stretched. Fully funded places are available, please speak to management for more information. The amount received in funding per child is not at a sufficient rate to cover our set fees, therefore there is a consumables charge of £2 per funded hour. By signing the registration form, parents agree to pay the consumable charge until further notice. The consumables charge is to provide an enhanced provision and covers the cost of a hot main meal for lunch, tea, nappies, wipes, sun cream, outings, minibus use, forest school and extra curricula activities including Phonics with Robot Reg, Hartbeeps and Sing and Sign sessions.

Funding is paid by the government directly to Nature Barn Nursery for a total of 38 weeks of the year. Nature Barn Nursery is open all year round and will therefore fees are calculated and divided by 12, giving you equal monthly payments over the whole year. As fees are calculated over a 12-month period, if you choose to leave before or after the 12 months, your last invoice may differ.

Parents can also open a tax-free childcare account that will reduce fees, subject to eligibility. If you are entitled to 30 hours funding, you usually are entitled to use this with funding. For more information on what you may be entitled to, please visit Best Start in Life

You can book a variety of sessions, for example book in 1 full day and 2 school days. We require a minimum of two days per week. For a quote, please contact the office.

We offer a sibling discount, with 5% off the eldest child's fees per month.



Our Fees

Monthly Fees- School Day 9am-3pm or 9.30am-3.30pm					
Sessions	**1 day**	**2 days**	**3 days**	**4 days**	**5 days**
School day without funding (9-3 or 9.30-3.30) Standard rate: £60	£255	£510	£765	£1020	£1275
Fees with up to 15 hours funding	£51	£136	£391	£646	£901
Fees with tax-free childcare *	£40.80	£108.80	£321.80	£516.80	£720.80
Fees with up to 30 hours funding	£51	£102	£153	£272	£527
Fees with tax-free childcare *	£40.80	£81.60	£122.40	£217.60	£421.60

Monthly Fees- 8am-3pm or 9am-4pm					
Sessions	**1 day**	**2 days**	**3 days**	**4 days**	**5 days**
School day with one extra hour (8-3 or 9-4) Standard rate: £72	£306	£612	£918	£1224	£1530
Fees with up to 15 hours funding	£59.50	£224.70	£530.83	£839.95	£1143.08
Fees with tax-free childcare *	£47.50	£179.76	£424.66	£671.96	£914.40
Fees with up to 30 hours funding	£59.50	£119	£178.50	£449.40	£755.52
Fees with tax-free childcare *	£47.50	£95.20	£142.80	£359.52	£604.42

Monthly Fees- 8am-4pm or 9am-5pm					
Sessions	**1 day**	**2 days**	**3 days**	**4 days**	**5 days**
School day with two extra hours (8-4 or 9-5) Standard rate: £84	£357	£714	£1071	£1428	£1785
Fees with up to 15 hours funding	£68	£316.63	£673.63	£1030.63	£1387.63
Fees with tax-free childcare *	£54.40	£253.30	£538.90	£824.50	£110.10
Fees with up to 30 hours funding	£68	£136	£276.25	£633.25	£990.25
Fees with tax-free childcare *	£54.40	£108.80	£221	£506.60	£792.20

Monthly Fees- 8am-5pm or 9am-6pm					
Sessions	**1 day**	**2 days**	**3 days**	**4 days**	**5 days**
School day with three extra hours (8-5 or 9-6) Standard rate: £96	£408	£816	£1224	£1632	£2040
Fees with up to 15 hours funding	£76.50	£410.93	£819.06	£1227.19	£1635.32
Fees with tax-free childcare *	£61.20	£328.74	£655.25	£981.75	£1308.26
Fees with up to 30 hours funding	£76.50	£153	£413.74	£821.32	£1229.99
Fees with tax-free childcare *	£61.20	£122.40	£330.99	£657.06	£983.99

Monthly Fees- Full day 8am-6pm					
Sessions	**1 day**	**2 days**	**3 days**	**4 days**	**5 days**
Full day (8-6) Standard rate: £80	£340	£680	£1020	£1360	£1700
Fees with up to 15 hours funding	£85	£399.50	£739.50	£1079.50	£1419.50
Fees with tax-free childcare *	£68	£319.60	£591.60	£863.60	£1135.60
Fees with up to 30 hours funding	£85	£170	£459	£799	£1139
Fees with tax-free childcare *	£68	£136	£367.20	£639.20	£911.20

*tax-free childcare is capped at £2000 per child, per year.

Hourly Rates

The hourly rate is calculated by the 'standard rate' divided by the hours booked in the for day. For example, school day = £60 divided by 6 hours.

Consumables Charge

The consumables charge is £2 per funded hour.

Please speak to a member of management if you have any other questions!

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