
WHY IS IT NOT TOTALLY FREE?

Please bear in mind:

- Children with us spend longer in nursery than the funding provides for (51 weeks instead of 38 weeks).
- Essentials and extras are not covered by government funding.
- Morning and afternoon sessions are more expensive and whilst you can use your funding against these sessions, it is not the most cost effective use of your allowance.

Extra charges apply for these reasons. We ask that parents acknowledge that there is a shortfall in government funding which varies across the age ranges, in particular the 3yr old funding does not cover our costs to provide care. This is why you will see an increase in your invoiced amount as your child increases in age. The additional charges to help bridge this gap are referred to as our 'Quality Premium'.

Examples of what isn't covered by the funding – our award winning healthy balanced meals, drinks & snacks. Toiletries, activities and craft materials, staff training and development and first aid over and above the minimum legal requirements. Staffing levels and qualifications over and above minimum requirements, and a dedicated and qualified Early Years Teacher on site. In addition to this our ParentZone app gives you daily updates and an interface with our staff.

BOOKING SESSIONS OR CHANGING SESSIONS.

Please remember to give us at least one month's notice if you wish to change your sessions.

HAVE QUESTIONS?

We pledge to work with you to find the most suitable and affordable childcare option for your needs.

Email Maria any funding related questions:
office@phoenixeducationdaynursery.co.uk

Email Laura/Jo if you wish to give notice to change your sessions:
info@phoenixeducationdaynursery.co.uk.

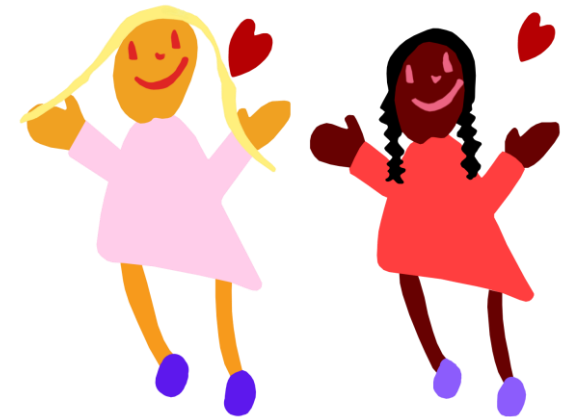
Or call 01634 717151.

FORTHCOMING CHANGES TO FUNDING

Childcare support is increasing from September 2025. At this point, working parents will be able to claim 30hrs of funding for 38 weeks of the year (22hrs stretched over 12 months) from when their child is 9 months old to when they start school.

Phoenix Education Day Nursery

GOVERNMENT FUNDING
SEPTEMBER 2024



WHAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

From September 2024 the government will provide (38 weeks/year):

- 15hrs of funded childcare to working parents who have children of 9 months old and over commencing the term after they turn 9 months old. Eligibility requirements apply.

In addition:

- 15hrs of universal funding to all 3yr old children regardless of working status 'universal funding'.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT WHAT I AM ELIGIBLE FOR?



Visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to find out exactly what you are entitled to and for all up to date information on help with childcare costs including Tax Free Childcare.

HOW DO I APPLY?

For 15 hours funded childcare: for working parent of 9 months old children and above, you will need to apply through the above website. If eligible, you will be issued a code and you will be required to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months. It is your responsibility to reconfirm your code to receive the funded hours or full fees will be payable.

For the universal 15hrs funding for 3yr olds, contact us – we will talk you through the process and ask to see your child's birth certificate as proof of eligibility.

HOW DOES THE FUNDING WORK?

Whether claiming the advertised 15 or 30hrs, remember that this is paid for 38 weeks of the year (term time only). To fit in with the majority of our parent's needs we offer all year round care, closing only for Christmas week. We 'stretch' the funding over the whole year. The Local Authority require a minimum amount of education is delivered per week:



15hr entitlement: a minimum of any 2 sessions per week equal to or greater than **11hrs**.

30hr entitlement: a minimum of 3 sessions per week equal to or greater than **22hrs**.

WHAT IS THE VALUE OF FUNDING?

9 Month – 3 Yrs Old

15hrs per week for 38 weeks (term time only) = 570hrs/year (47.5hrs/month) childcare deducted from your invoice . We apply £6.95 per hour
= £330.12 per month 11hrs Stretched

3 – 4 Yrs Old

15hrs per week for 38 weeks (term time only) = 570hrs/year childcare. We apply £5.10 per hour
= £242.25 per month 11hrs Stretched

30hrs per week for 38 weeks (term time only) = 1140hrs/year childcare. We apply £5.10 per hour
= £484.50 per month 22hrs Stretched

We offer full day and half day sessions, please bear in mind the most efficient and cost effective way of using your funding is against full day sessions.

As the value of funding decreases with age of child, you will see that your invoiced amount increases.

HOW MUCH WILL I PAY?

Attendance	Standard Monthly Fee
2 days/week	£620.50
3 days/week	£930.75
4 days/week	£1241.00
5 days/week	£1473.68

Attendance	Monthly fee after 11hrs stretched funding 9 month to 3yrs
2 days/week	£290.38
3 days/week	£600.63
4 days/week	£910.88
5 days/week	£1160.07

Attendance	Monthly fee after 11hrs stretched funding 3 to 4yrs
2 days/week	£378.25
3 days/week	£688.50
4 days/week	£998.75
5 days/week	£1243.55

Attendance	Monthly fee after 22hrs stretched funding 3 to 4yrs
2 days/week	£192.56*
3 days/week	£446.25
4 days/week	£756.50
5 days/week	£1013.41

*with 2 days per week attendance the Local Authority will only authorise a 20hrs Stretched claim.