

Funded Childcare Guide 2024

We know there are so many emotions involved with choosing to include your child in a nursery and we thank you wholeheartedly for placing your trust in Tiny Turners Nursery.

The fees and funding side of nursery can feel complicated and just another thing to think about in your busy schedule. In this guide we aim to explain and simplify the fees and funding information.

New for 2024 is extended government funded hours for working families from 9 months to 3 years which is being rolled out in phases. This is in addition to the existing 15 government funded hours for all 3-year-olds and enhanced 15 hours for eligible working families.

Government Funded Childcare - NEW for 2024 and 2025

There are exciting changes in the early years childcare sector in both 2024 and 2025 that will be a great benefit to families and a positive step towards our children's futures.

From April 2024, all eligible working parents of 2-year-olds can access 15 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year, which is 570 hours per year.

From September 2024, all eligible working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3-years-old can access 15 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year, which is 570 hours per year.

From September 2025, all eligible working parents of children aged 9 months up to 3-years-old can access 30 hours free childcare per week for 38 weeks of the year, which is a further 570 hours, totalling 1140 hours per year.

For the purposes of this guide we will concentrate on our current funding offer for families, and have included September 2024 and 2025 merely as a guide to help you plan for the future.



From April 2024, 2-year-old funding for eligible working families will be 15 hours of government funded care. This is wonderful news for our nursery, opening up the option of important nursery education to more families, and extending a financial helping hand to families whose children are already in nursery.

The Details

- The 15 hours of funding is stretched over 51 weeks* your child will receive 570 hours per year which works out as 11.18 hours per week.
- Government funding covers care, and not meals or additional services. Meals and any enhancements during funded hours are charged to the parent for each funded hour.

In order to access the 2-year-old working family funding you will need to apply for an eligibility code from

https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

as soon as possible and no later than 31st March 2024. This will need to be reconfirmed every three months.

Further information is available at: https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds.

Benefits to Families

- Spreading the funding across 51 weeks provides consistency across the year and helps to settle children into a familiar routine.
- Nursery spaces are balanced across the year helping to maximise our availability for families.



15 hours of Funded Childcare for 3-year-olds

This is not new. It is a benefit that families have enjoyed for several years. Many of our families heave a sigh of relief when their child turns 3 as often a sibling joins nursery too, increasing the family fun but also increasing the cost. The reduction in cost is welcomed by all.

We're pleased to say that 15 hours of funded childcare for all 3-year-olds continues.

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30 hours of Funded Childcare for 3-year-olds

Who is Eligible?

Your eligibility of receiving 30 hours funded childcare for your 3- or 4-year-old, depends on:

- If you are working
- Your income (and your partner's income if applicable)
- Your child's age and circumstances
- Your immigration status



If you are working:

You can get 30 hours funded childcare at the same time as claiming Universal Credit, Tax Credits, Childcare Vouchers, or Tax-Free Childcare if you are:

- In work
- On sick leave or annual leave
- On shared parental, maternity, paternity, or adoption leave

If you're on adoption leave for a child aged 3 or 4 years old, you must return to work within 31 days of the date you first apply for 30 hours funded childcare for that child.

If you are not currently working:

- You may still be eligible if your partner is working, and you get Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Limited Capability for Work Benefit or contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance
- You can apply if you are starting or re-starting work within the next 31 days.

The Details

- The 30 hours of funding is stretched over 51 weeks your child will receive 1140 hours per year which works out as 22.35 hours per week.
- Funded hours will be deducted off your child's weekly attendance each week.
- Government funding covers care, and not meals or additional services. Meals and any enhancements during funded hours are charged to the parent for each funded hour.

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