



Early Education Funding Policy 2020

Introduction

This policy is written FEET, Universal and Extended is delivered, within statutory and local authority guidelines which may be updated from time to time. The funding for 3 and four years at our setting is delivered by supporting both parental access and the future sustainability of the business. You may also be eligible for funding to attend our childcare setting for 15 hours per week. To find out more about this visit the surrey cc web site- www.surreycc.gov.uk/feet

FEET, Universal and Extended Eligibility

We offer 2 year old funding (FEET) and 3 and 4 year old funding.

When can my child get FEET place (570 hours over 38 weeks)

You can apply for FEET the term your child turns two but you won't receive the free funding hours until the following term, this is subject to specific requirements. See table below:

Child born between	Can have a free place from
1 st September 2014 to 31 st December	1 st January
1 st January 2014 to 31 st March	1 st April
1 st April 2014- 31 st August	1 st September

The FEE (3 & 4 years old) is universal which provides up to 570 hours of **FREE** childcare over 38 weeks a year (term time) from the term after the child's 3rd birthday. See table below:

Child's birthday	When you can claim
1 st January to 31 st March	1 st April following their third birthday or the beginning of the summer school term
1 st April to 31 st August	1 st September following their third birthday or the beginning of the autumn school term
1 st September to 31 st December	1 st January following their third birthday or the beginning of the spring school term

Admissions

Our admissions criterion is open and transparent. We do not discriminate against children who fall within the protected characteristics cited in the Equality Act 2010; these are gender, race, disability, religion, or belief and sexual orientation. A registration fees is payable as additional fees are charged which exceed the funded free hours.

Delivery and charges

FEET funding is accessed free of charge attending morning sessions

The FEE can be accessed by attending a morning or afternoon session. Although the FEE will be free at the point of delivery hours delivered in excess of the funded hours will be charged. These will include the extra benefits and services children receive and enjoy at our setting:

- Nutritious and healthy snacks/smoothies
- Higher staff ratio ratios than recommended by Ofsted
- All staff qualified to at least level 2/3
- Extra activities (cooking, music, craft), in line with the Early years Foundation Stage (EYFS)
- Photographic and online progress records/journals when your child leaves

The full 15 hours entitlement can be accessed over a 5 mornings or afternoons

(Or it can be split between two childcare providers)

The grant will stretch over 38 weeks. Please see fee structure for charges. For 2021/22 the Universal is £4.98/hr & FEET is £6.02/hr

Starters and leavers

All children who are eligible for the FEE have to be on role on the published headcount day otherwise they will be charged normal fees until the following term. When a child leaves after the headcount day the funding available remains with our setting and may be used to accommodate a child whom funding is unavailable. It may also be recalculated.

Parent Declaration

Our setting will provide a declaration for a parent to complete as funding is dependent on it.

Queries and complaints

If a parent has any queries about the FEET/FEE please speak to the manager. Any complaints please refer to our complaints policy which can be found in the policy file.