



**Little
Adventures**

Organic Nurseries & Preschools

Funding Guide For Parents

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Introduction

The government advertises the funding as 15 or 30 hours a week. This is for 38 weeks of the year. At Little Adventures Nursery, we stretch the funding over 51 weeks so your child can access funding every week apart from the closure over Christmas week. This equates to 11.17 hours for 15 hours funding or 22.34 hours for 30 hours funding.

You do not have to use all your funding, for example, if you booked in 2 half day sessions (5 hours each), this will use 10 hours of funding per week. If you booked in 3 half day sessions per week (15 hours), we would use the full 11.17 hours and the remaining 3.83 hours will be payable if you are eligible for the 15 hours or claim 15 hours funding if you are entitled to the 30 hours funding.

Types of funding

There are 3 type of funding available to children:

- **Working families code** – For children 9 months to 4 years. You must meet the eligibility criteria and will receive an 11 digit eligibility code. We need the code, the parent who applied for the code's National Insurance Number and the child's date of birth. This equates to 22.34 hours funding per week.
- **Supported funding** – For 2 year olds. If you meet certain criteria, you may be eligible for funding the term after your child turns 2. We can offer up to 11.17 hours funding per week. Supported funding and working families code may be used in conjunction with each other. If you are entitled to both, we will split the funding equally.
- **Universal funding** – For 3 & 4 year olds. Children automatically become eligible for universal funding the term after their 3rd birthday without any criteria needing to be met. This is 11.17 hours funding per week. A Working Families Code is needed to access the additional 11.17 hours funding to equal 22.34 hours funding.

When will my child be eligible?

The funding always comes into effect the term after the child's 2nd or 3rd birthday or the term after they turn 9 months. Terms are split into 3 across the year:

1st January - 31st March

1st April - 31st August

1st September - 31st December

EXAMPLES

If your child was born on the 1st December 2023, they will turn 9 months on the 1st September 2024, therefore, the funding can start from 1st January 2025.

If your child was born on the 31st March 2022, they will turn 2 on the 31st March 2024 and the funding can start on the 1st April 2024.

Please note!! You must apply and receive the code the term before you would like your funding to start. Codes received halfway through a term, regardless of your child's birth date, cannot be used until the following term and if you would like your child to start prior to the funding commencing, you will be charged privately for these sessions.

How do I apply?

Visit www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/15-and-30-hours-support and complete the checker to see which funding options are available to you.