



## Early Years Free Entitlement

### What is Early years Free entitlement (EYFE)?

The Government funds local authorities to ensure a free part time early education place is available for every 3- and 4-year-old in approved settings in England. To be eligible for funding children must turn 3 before 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> January, or 1<sup>st</sup> April to qualify:

Child's birthday falls between	They can start their EYFE from
1 January and 31 March	The beginning of term on or after 1 April
1 April and 31 August	The beginning of term on or after 1 September
1 September and 31 December	The beginning of term on or after 1 January

All 3- and 4-year-old children are entitled to free early years education, currently comprising **15 hours per week** for **38 weeks of the year**.

Little Forest Nursery have two options of how funding is implemented, and both are subject to availability. Option one is funded hours stretched across 51 weeks of the year. Option two is funded hours across 38 weeks of the year (term time), meaning childcare over term time will be charged at full cost.

Little Forest Nursery only provide funding blocks in either 3.5 hours or 5.5 hours depending on agreed sessions.

Little Forest Nursery will provide you with a registration form when joining the nursery, which you will be asked to complete and sign to confirm the information you have provided is correct and that you are happy for us to use your information to submit funding claims. Please note that it is a requirement that we see a copy of your child's birth certificate.

### EYFE for Two-Year-Olds:

Parents should contact the Family Information Service (FIS) to check eligibility from the beginning of the term during which their child turns two. Eligibility criteria for EYFE for two-year-olds and information regarding how parents can check are on the FIS webpage [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/twos](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/twos)

FIS will send eligible parents a letter confirming their eligibility with a unique reference number. The date indicated on the eligibility letter is the date from which the child can start their EYFE. Parents must show the letter to Little Forest Nursery. If your child is already attending Little Forest Nursery prior to receiving the eligibility letter, the funding will not be backdated. Parents will be liable for any fees until the start date on their eligibility letter from FIS.

To be eligible for funding children must turn 2 before 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> January, or 1<sup>st</sup> April to qualify.



## **30 Hours Extended Entitlement for Working Parents of 3- and 4-Year-Olds:**

All children aged 3 and 4 will continue to be eligible for 15 hours of government funded childcare for 38 weeks of the year (570 hours). As Little Forest Nursery stretches funding for 51 weeks a year, your child can receive up to 21 hours EYFE every week they attend if you are eligible for 30 hours of funding, and fees will remain constant throughout the year.

### **Who is eligible for 30 hours of funding?**

- Children of a single parent who work, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum wage or national living wage and does not earn more than £100,000 per year
- Children of a couple, BOTH of whom earn, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum wage or national living wage minimum of 16 hours a week with neither independently earning more than £100,000 each.

### **How do I apply?**

The government has launched a website where parents can register and enter their personal details, you will then receive confirmation of eligibility. All eligible parents will then receive an 11-digit code that they must share with Little Forest Nursery.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Please follow the link above to register for a HMRC portal account and to register for 30 hours funding. The website also lists lots of helpful information on any help you may be eligible for towards your childcare costs. By setting up an account or by using an existing government gateway account you will receive your eligibility code. Once received please pass this on to Little Forest Nursery along with your NI number and child's DOB. All details will be validated by Brighton and Hove Council before confirming your nursery place.

If your child will turn three before the start of the following term but you forget to apply, you will have to wait until the start of that following term to claim the extended entitlement. We cannot backdate the 30 hours funding where you have not applied for their code in time.

### **What if my circumstances change?**

Parents will have to log? onto the government's website every three months to confirm that their circumstances have not changed. If there has been a change, for example, the loss of a job, you will no longer be eligible. However, there will be a grace period that will allow your child to continue having their 30 hours free childcare while you find another job. Whatever your circumstances, all 3- and 4-year-olds will still be entitled to 570 hours a year of free childcare (15 hours a week).



## 15-hour EYFE offer:

For eligible two-year-old and **all** 3- and 4- years receiving **15 hours** per week for **38 weeks** each year. As Little Forest Nursery stretches funding for 51 weeks a year, your child can receive 10.50 hours EYFE every week they attend, and fees will remain constant throughout the year:

- Funding for a full day is implemented in 3.50-hour blocks per half day session.
- Funding for a school day is implemented in 5.50-hour blocks per session.
- A £17.60 residual cost is charged for each half day session alongside the funding
- A £22.20 residual cost is charged for each school day session alongside the funding

<u>Morning Session</u> <u>[08:00-13:00]</u>	<u>Afternoon Session</u> <u>[13:00-18:00]</u>	<u>School Day</u> <u>[08:00-15:00]</u>
£17.60 (includes 3.5 hours EYFE)	£17.60 (includes 3.5 hours EYFE)	£22.20 (includes 5.5 hours EYFE)

### Example:

1. For a child attending two **full** days receiving **15 hours** entitlement stretched (10.5 hours):

<u>Day one</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Day two</u>	<u>Cost</u>
AM-3.5hrs funded	£17.60	AM-3.5hrs funded	£17.60
PM-3.5hrs funded	£17.60	PM-Full charge	£35.00
Total	£35.20		£52.60

Total weekly cost: £87.80

2. For a child attending two **school** days receiving **15 hours** entitlement stretched (10.5 hours):

<u>Day one</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Day two</u>	<u>Cost</u>
5.5hrs funded	£22.60	5.5hrs funded	£22.60
Total	£22.60		£22.60

Total weekly cost: £45.20



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### **Example:**

1. For a child attending three **full** days receiving **30 hours** entitlement stretched (21 hours):

<b><u>Day one</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Day two</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Day three</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
AM-3.5hrs funded	£17.60	AM-3.5hrs funded	£17.60	AM-3.5hrs funded	£17.60
PM-3.5hrs funded	£17.60	PM-3.5hrs funded	£17.60	PM-3.5hrs funded	£17.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>£35.20</b>		<b>£35.20</b>		<b>£35.20</b>

Total weekly cost: £105.60

2. For a child attending four **school** days receiving **30 hours** entitlement stretched (21 hours):

<b><u>Day one</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Day two</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Day three</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>	<b><u>Day four</u></b>	<b><u>Cost</u></b>
5.5hrs funded	£22.60	5.5hrs funded	£22.60	5.5hrs funded	£22.60	5.5hrs funded	£22.60
<b>Total</b>	<b>£22.60</b>		<b>£22.60</b>		<b>£22.60</b>		<b>£22.60</b>

Total weekly cost: £90.40

### **What Is A Residual Cost?**

The residual costs stated in the above breakdowns covers the hours that funding does not cover. It also covers staffing, breakfast, lunch, tea, snacks, and any other sundries.