

FUNDING AT DANDELION DAY NURSERY AND KIDS CLUB

We appreciate that wading through all the available information about government funded hours can be confusing, so we have tried to gather all the relevant information for you to make things as easy as possible.

What Funding Is Available

Type of Funding	How Many Hours	Who Is Entitled	How Do You Get It
Universal Funding	Up to 570 hours a year	Every child from the term after they turn 3	No need to apply
FRAS Funding	Up to 570 hours a year	Two year olds whose parents/carers are in receipt of additional government benefits	Follow this link to the Lincs County Council website to apply https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/support-childcare-costs/funded-childcare-two-year-olds-receiving-additional-forms-government-support
Working Families Funding	Up to 1140 hours a year	All children from the term after they turn 9 months old, providing that their parents are earning within the required threshold	Apply via https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker/

More information about funded hours and other means of help with childcare costs can be found at <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker/>

How We Allocate Your Child's Funded Hours

We have tried to be as flexible as possible with the allocation of funded hours so that our parents/carers can make the most of the hours that they are entitled to.

Option 1 - Daycare

For parents/carers that require full time care for their children our daycare rooms are open Monday to Friday, 730 to 1730 for 50 weeks of the year (please ask to see a copy of our fee schedule for session times).

Children in daycare rooms can be entitled to either 570 or 1140 government funded hours a year and these hours are divided equally between the 50 weeks – this equates to either 11.4 or 22.8 hours a week.

In accordance with government stipulations regarding funded hours and additional charges, we do offer the option for parents/carers to opt out of having meals provided by the setting but ***only on days that are completely funded***. If you decide that this option is something that you would like to explore, please ask to speak to one of the Management team who will explain how this works and provide a copy of the policy regarding food from home.

Option 2– Sessional

In the last few years we have noticed an increase in families who are able to work within school hours and our sessional rooms work around these hours – they are open Tuesday to Friday, 0900 to 1500 for 47.5 weeks of the year. These rooms incorporate short holidays at Easter, the end of August and December.

Children in sessional rooms can be entitled to either 570 or 1140 government funded hours a year and these hours are divided equally between the 47.5 weeks – this equates to either 12 or 24 hours a week.

In sessional rooms there is no requirement to have a hot meal provided by the setting although this an option for a small fee.

Option 3 – Term Time Only

This option is only available for our pre-school children (aged 3 and over), the room is open Monday to Friday, 0900 to 1500 for 38 weeks of the year, following the term's set by the local primary school as closely as possible.

Children in this room can be entitled to either 570 or 1140 government funded hours a year and these hours are divided equally between the 38 weeks – this equates to either 15 or 30 hours a week.

Like the sessional rooms there is no requirement to have a hot meal provided by the setting although this an option for a small fee.

What will my Invoice Look Like?

For families that are in receipt of government funded hours please see the tables below for a breakdown of fees that will make up your monthly invoice

Daycare Rooms	Cost
Funded Hours	£0 - maximum of 22.8 hours a week
Additional Hours Over Funding Entitlement	Between £6.45 and £6.97 per hour *
Morning Session Meals	£5.00 a day (Breakfast & Lunch)
Afternoon Session Meals	£5.50 a day (Lunch & Afternoon Snack)
Full Day Meals	£7.00 a day (Breakfast, Lunch & Afternoon Snack)
Administration Fee	£30 – only applicable to families that access hours above their funding entitlement

**** FAMILIES THAT WISH TO ACCESS PURELY FUNDED HOURS IN OUR DAYCARE ROOMS CAN ONLY ACCESS A MAXIMUM OF 20 FUNDED HOURS A WEEK AS THIS FITS IN WITH OUR CURRENT SESSION LENGTH. ANY HOURS REQUESTED ABOVE 20 HOURS WILL COME WITH ADDITIONAL FEES DEPENDANT ON THE SESSION BEING ACCESSED.***

Sessional Rooms	Cost
Funded Hours	£0 - maximum of 24 hours a week
Additional Hours Over Funding Entitlement	£20 per 3 hour block
Lunch	£3.50 a day
Administration Fee	£30 – only applicable to families that access hours above their funding entitlement

Term Time only	Cost
Funded Hours	£0 - maximum of 30 hours a week
Additional Hours Over Funding Entitlement	£20 per 3 hour block
Lunch	£3.50 a day
Administration Fee	£30 – only applicable to families that access hours above their funding entitlement