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*term time non funded calculated over 52 weeks with a 20% term time discount divided over 11 months

Tax free childcare can be used alongside funding for eligible families offering up to 20% off total fee

Funding information

This policy was reviewed and approved by Buds that Blossom, coming into effect from 1st September 2025.

This information should be read in conjunction with the nursery terms and conditions and will be reviewed periodically with reference also to the Local Authority guidelines.

Working families

From September 2025, any working family with a child over the age of 9 months old (subject to certain criteria) can access 22 hours all year round or 30 hours term time Working Family Funding. This comes into effect the term after your child turns 9 months. If you are returning to work you can only access your code a month before returning and this code needs to be in place by the end of the previous term. The full entitlement for a full year starting September equates to 1140 hours per year. All eligible families will be given a code.

The Nursery Manager will ask you to provide your funding code and national insurance number and complete a local authority claim form. We will then check this information and submit this to the Local Authority prior to the headcount date to ensure that all funding is received. The Local Authority may require specific information from the parents and failure to provide this may result in the Nursery being unable to claim the funding. In this instance, the parent would be wholly responsible for any fees incurred at the standard rates.

Once you have received your code for the working family funding, you will need to reconfirm every 3 months and HMRC will remind you to do this.

Universal funding

All 3- and 4-year-olds in England are entitled to the Universal Funding Entitlement of 11 hours all year round or 15 hours per week term time, from the term following their third birthday. The full entitlement for a full year starting September equates to 570 hours per year. No code is required.

Two year old funding

Two year old funding may also be available for children, whose parents who meet certain criteria. Eligible families are entitled to 11 hours all year round or 15 funded hours term time, from the term after their child's 2nd birthday even if they are not a working family. The full entitlement for a full year starting September equates to 570 hours per year. An eligibility code is required and we have to check it with the local authority.

Please refer to <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> for more information.

All funding is applied the term after the appropriate qualifying age as below

A child born on or between:	Will become eligible for a funded place from:
1 April and 31 August	1 st September following their birthday for 2-4 years or the qualifying month for 9 months.
1 September and 31 December	1 st January following their birthday for 2-4 years or the qualifying month for 9 months.
1 January and 31 March	1 st April following their birthday for 2-4 years or the qualifying month for 9 months.

How will funding be applied to your child's sessions:

The free funding entitlement hours will be applied to a maximum of 10 hrs per day until the weekly maximum entitlement for your entitlement is reached. Any hours in excess of your entitlement will be charged at our hourly rate as specified on the fee chart.

Additional charges are indicated on the nursery fee sheet and are included in the stated monthly fee.

Parents can choose to opt out of the additional charges for meals and will need to provide your own food in line with our food and nutrition policy. Buds that Blossom are happy to provide meals for eligible families on low income who meet our criteria.