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Menston Preschool Early Years Funding policy

This document explains Menston Preschools funding offer and forms part of our Admission documentation. Parents/Guardians are requested to read the information carefully.

Early Education Funding

- Menston Preschool offer government funded early years education, Monday – Friday between the hours of 9am – 3pm for a maximum of 38 weeks per year (term time only).
- Early Education funding is applied for by Preschool and is paid by Bradford Metropolitan District Council on a termly basis.
- To claim funding parents must complete and sign the Bradford Council Early Years Funding agreement form. This form along with full support will be provided as part of the admissions process.
- Funding can be split between different childcare providers; the details of the other setting/s will also need to be provided. Funding cannot be transferred from one provider to another mid-term.
- If a child starts attending Preschool part way through a term after the local authority census date funding cannot be claimed until the following term.

Early Education funding offer

Funded places for 3 and 4 year olds from the start of the term after their third birthday.

1. **Universal Entitlement** - 15 hours of funded early education per week for all children aged 3 and 4 years.
2. **Working Families Entitlement** – an additional 15 hours of funding entitlement per week for eligible 3 and 4 year olds. This entitlement is available to working parents who meet the government criteria.
To claim this additional entitlement hours parents will need to apply for an eligibility code and keep this up to date. Parents must provide this code on the funding agreement so it can be verified by Preschool before funding is claimed on your behalf. A new place cannot be offered where a code is in its 'Grace period'.

Funded places for two year olds

1. **Working Families Entitlement:** 30 hours a week of early education funding per week for eligible 2-year-olds. This entitlement is available to working parents who meet the government criteria.
To claim this additional entitlement hours parents will need to apply for an eligibility code and keep this up to date. Parents must provide this code on the funding agreement so it can be verified by Preschool before funding is claimed on your behalf. A place cannot be offered where a code is in its 'Grace period'.
2. **Terrific Two Year Old Entitlement:** 15 hours per week of funded early education for children that meet the government eligibility criteria for families receiving additional support.