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Menston Preschool Early Years Funding policy

Parents/Guardians are requested to read the following document as it explains our funding policy and forms part of our Admission documentation.

Early Education Funding

Early Education funding is applied for by Preschool and paid by Bradford Metropolitan Borough Council on a termly basis.

To claim funding parents, must complete and sign the Bradford Council Early Years Funding agreement form which will be provided by Preschool.

Our offer:

Menston Preschool offers Early education funding for children aged three – five years from the start of the term after their third birthday. We **do not** offer funded places for children aged under three years. Two-year-old places are charged for at the rate of £6.75 per hour (Please see separate Fee's policy for full information)

The Early Education funding for three – five-year-old covers up to **15 hours (Universal Hours)** of early education per child per week for a maximum of 38 weeks per year. Some working families will be eligible for up to **30 (Extended hours)** of early education a week. To claim extended hours parents will need to apply for an eligibility code and keep this up to date. Parents must provide this to Preschool so it can be verified before funding is claimed on your behalf. A place cannot be offered where a code is in its 'Grace period'.

Where funding is being split between different childcare providers details of the other setting/s will also need to be provided and funding cannot be transferred from one provider to another mid-term.

Consumables and resources contribution

"Government funding is intended to cover the cost of delivering high quality, flexible early years education. It is not intended to cover the cost of food or snacks, consumables, additional hours, or additional services. Parents can expect to pay for other consumables or additional activities offered by the provider" **Early Years Entitlement Operational Guidance.**

Parents claiming government funded hours will receive an invoice each term for a consumables and resources contribution. The charge for this is £2 per hour for each funded hour claimed. This can be paid weekly, monthly, or termly to suit. Alternatively, parents can opt to provide their own consumables and resources for their child on a weekly basis instead of receiving and invoice. Please contact the Business manager by email if you would prefer this option:

Email: office@menstonpreschool.org

Childcare Vouchers and tax-free childcare accounts

Menston Preschool accept payment for the consumables and resources contribution from tax-free childcare accounts. We also accept payments in Childcare Vouchers from all the main providers. For more information about how to pay using these methods please speak to the Business Manager.