

## <u>'Early Years Funded Entitlement'.</u> <u>For 9 months - 5 years.</u>



The expansion Early Years Funded Expansion has been introduced in phases; by September 2025, most working families with children under the age of 5 will be entitled to 30 hours of childcare support.

From September 2025, eligible working parents of children from 9 months - 5 years will be entitled to, up to 30 hours of funded hours of childcare per week, term time which is for 38 weeks per year.

At Teddy Bears we will offer the full 10 funded hours per day up to 30 funded hours per week, term time for 38 weeks of the year! The months of April, August and December will continue to be charged in full.

From the term after a child is 9 months old, (Spring Term if your child is 9 months old before 31<sup>st</sup> December, Summer Term if your child is 9 months old before 31<sup>st</sup> March and Autumn Term if your child is 9 months old before 31<sup>st</sup> August), every child from 9 months to 5 years (from September 2025) whose parent(s) meet the eligibility criteria, is eligible for the 'Early Years Funded Entitlement'. This means they can receive up to 30 funded hours per week for 38 weeks per year funded by the Government which will be shown on their monthly account for the relevant 38 weeks of the year.

The FUNDED hours are for 38 weeks a year, not 52 weeks.

The 38 weeks are divided over 3 terms as follows........

Spring Term - 11 weeks **January** - **March** up to 330 funded hours.

Summer Term - 13 weeks **May** - **July** up to 390 funded hours.

Autumn Term - 14 weeks **September** - **November** up to 420 funded hours.

Totalling up to 1140 Funded hours per year.

For accounts purposes, the number of funded hours will be shown on your

Spring Term - January, February & March accounts, (the 11-week period) your April account will be charged for in full as this is not part of the 11-week period.

Summer Term - May, June & July accounts, (the 13-week period) your August account will be charged for in full as this is not part of the 13-week period.

Autumn Term - September, October and November accounts, (the 14-week period) your December account will be charged for in full as this is not part of the 14-week period.

	Nursery Fees 0 - 23 months	Nursery Fees 2 - 5 years
Morning 8.00am - 1.00pm	£36.50	£35.00
Afternoon 1.00pm - 6.00pm	£36.50	£35.00
Full day 8.00am - 6.00pm	£73.00	£70.00

From September 2025 the extra sessions per week will be charged for accordingly:

#### How to apply.

You can also use Tax-Free Childcare or Universal Credit for Childcare whilst claiming your 15 or 30 hours of childcare support. It can take 20 minutes to apply. You may find out if you're eligible straight away, but it can take up to 7 days. Once your application has been approved, you'll get a code for funded childcare to give to your childcare provider. You must reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months. If you apply more than 3 months before the term starts, you'll have to reconfirm your eligibility in your account to keep your code valid. If you already have a tax-free funding account, you may have to wait until you reconfirm your information to apply for your code. You can check the latest information about whether you are eligible for up to 30 funded hours of childcare a week and Tax-Free Childcare for you child/children on the Childcare Choices website.

#### Additional Services Fee - Voluntary Consumables



The Statutory guidance states:

'Government funding is intended to deliver 15 or 30 hours a week of funded, high quality, flexible childcare. It is not intended to cover the costs of meals, other consumables, additional hours or additional services. Therefore, providers can charge for meals and snacks as part of a funded entitlement place, and they can also charge for consumables such as nappies and suncream'.

Therefore, voluntary consumables charge per week to cover food, non-food consumables and extra activities will be charged as follows:

Maximum number of	Weekly consumable charge	Weekly consumable charge
funded hours per week	for 0 - 35 months	for 3 - 5-year-olds
5hrs	£5.00	£8.00
10hrs	£10.00	£16.00
15hr <i>s</i>	£15.00	£24.00
20hrs	£20.00	£32.00
25hrs	£25.00	£40.00
30hr <i>s</i>	£30.00	£48.00

The 'FUNDED' sessions are 5 or 10 hours long, up to 30 funded hours per week, term time only which is 38 weeks per year. The months of April, August and December are charged for in full as these months are not part of the 38 weeks. A voluntary consumable charge (please see chart above) is added to each funded child's account (unless an 'opt out' letter has been signed) for each funded session. Yes, the additional service charge is voluntary, as it has always been, but without it you will be asking us to compromise our 'Outstanding' standards of childcare for funded children.

It will therefore be assumed that parents are happy to 'opt in' if an 'opt out' form is not requested.

A.M. 5-hour session 8.00am - 1.00pm or P.M. 5-hour session 1.00pm - 6.00pm. or Full day 10-hour session 8.00am - 6.00pm

All 'unfunded' children, and 'unfunded' hours are charged at the daily am, pm or full day session rate all year around 'without' a consumable charge.

# Charts showing the number of funded hours that will appear on your monthly account

### Spring Term: January to March (11 weeks of funding):

Number of funded hours per week attended	Total number of funded hours per term (weekly total of funded hours multiplied by 11 weeks)	Total number of funded hours per month as shown on your invoice (termly total divided by 3 months)		
		January	February	March
5hrs	55hr <i>s</i>	18	18	19
10hrs	110hrs	36	37	37
15hrs	165hrs	55	55	55
20hrs	220hrs	73	73	74
25hrs	275hrs	91	92	92
30hrs	330hrs	110	110	110

### Summer Term; May to July (13 weeks of funding):

Number of funded hours per week attended	Total number of funded hours per term (weekly total multiplied by 13 weeks)	Total number of funded hours per month (termly total divided by 3 months)		
		May	June	July
5hrs	65hrs	21	22	22
10hrs	130hrs	43	43	44
15hrs	195hrs	65	65	65
20hrs	260hrs	86	87	87
25hrs	325hrs	108	108	109
30hrs	390hrs	130	130	130

### Autumn Term; September to December (14 weeks of funding):

Number of funded hours per week attended	Total number of funded hours per term (weekly total multiplied by 14 weeks)	Total number of funded hours per month (termly total divided by 3 months)		
		September	October	November
5hrs	70hrs	23	23	24
10hrs	140hrs	46	47	47
15hrs	210hrs	70	70	70
20hrs	280hrs	93	93	94
25hrs	350hrs	116	117	117
30hrs	420hrs	140	140	140

Please note, as it has always been, if the hours attended for a particular month are fewer than the funded hours given on your invoice, your invoice will be lower that month. This adjusts automatically over the term.