



## Early Years Funding Explained

### Nursery Education Grant:

The Marmalade Schools offer an extensive and high-quality education, with high staff to children ratios, highly qualified staff, additional peripatetic teachers and many consumables. The 15 Hour Universal Funded Offer nursery education grant is intended to cover the delivery of childcare only and does not cover the cost of the extras listed above that the Marmalade Schools provide. On registration parents are asked if they want to accept the agreed package of services or want the fully funded offer. Fully funded places are offered at our nurseries. Availability and booking patterns vary from nursery to nursery. If parents require a fully funded place, then they must make this known at the time of registration and we will discuss the options available at each nursery directly with the parents.

### What grants are there and who is eligible?

#### 15 Hour Universal Funding

All children aged three or four years old who live in England are entitled to 15 hours of free early years education or childcare per week. This grant applies for six terms (two academic years). The grant is only available at nurseries that are Ofsted registered. The grant is intended to cover the costs of childcare only and does not cover any extras.

In addition to the 15 hours Early Education and Childcare grant there are two other grants available but parents must fulfil certain criteria to access these grants:-

#### 30 Hours Extended Childcare Offer

Marmalade Schools no longer offer the 30 hour funding

#### 2 year old Working Family Funding

Working Families Funding is for qualifying working parents with 2 year olds provided the child is 2 at the age cut off point and the parents are eligible as per the criteria that HMRC determine. This will result in the generation of an eligible code which you will need to share with the office along with your National Insurance number to enable the nursery to claim the grant for you.

### When will my child be eligible?

This funding starts in the term **after** a child's third birthday. In order to manage the grant the year is split up into three sections which roughly align with the school term times –

AUTUMN TERM - 1<sup>st</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> December

SPRING TERM - 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March

SUMMER TERM – 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> August

A child who turns three on 5<sup>th</sup> January for example is not eligible for the Grant in the Spring Term but is eligible in the Summer Term – essentially the term that starts after they have turned three with reference to the exact dates above.



### **What do I need to do?**

Parents do not need to apply for this grant. Marmalade Schools apply on your behalf and manage the paperwork for you. As part of the audit trail we are required to ask all parents to accept the Grant Conditions and provide proof of your child's age (this is done once when you join the Marmalade family as part of the joining process). Parents also sign a Parent Declaration form (to confirm that the money is being deducted from their invoice once in receipt of the grant).

### **How much is the grant?**

The 15 Universal funding is calculated from an hourly rate which changes according to the amounts published by the respective councils based on the funding they receive. For parents who agree to the agreed package of additional services this grant is deducted from the fees.

### **What does the agreed package of additional services cover?**

The 15 hour grant covers childcare only and does not cover for any of the extras we provide at the Marmalade Schools. The published fees are more than the 15 hour grant in order to be able to provide highly qualified staff, high staff to children ratios and peripatetic teachers – this additional amount is referred to as the Agreed Additional Services Package on your invoice. At the Marmalade Schools we charge for the following extras

- Additional hours
- Peripatetic teachers
- High staff to pupil ratios
- Highly qualified staff
- Trips
- Consumables, including nappies, resources etc
- Lunch and snacks

### **Can I have a fully funded place at the Marmalade Schools?**

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