

Funding at Little Stars



Early Years Funding is government funding provided to support early education and childcare for young children, from 9 months to 5 years, dependent on eligibility. This funding is distributed to local authorities and then allocated to early years providers such as ourselves.

Universal Hours - All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to receive EYEE (Early Years Educational Entitlement). This allows each child to access up to 15 hours a week of nursery provision for 38 weeks a year (term time.)

Extended 30 Hours - In addition, some families of 3-4 year olds may be eligible to the '30hrs' funding, which is an additional 15 hours based on income and work status, you can check this using the government Best Start in Life website.

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/15-and-30-hours-support/working-families/>

2-year-olds: Some families may qualify for 15 funded hours based on income-related benefits or other criteria. Check eligibility and how to apply below.

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/15-and-30-hours-support/additional-support/how-it-works/>

- Government funding can be used for all Little Stars sessions and hours, including the lunch hour.
- Remember to reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months to maintain your childcare funding.

Children born between	Funding starts from
1 st April and 31 st August	September
1 st September and 31 st December	January
1 st January and 31 st March	April

Little Stars Funded Hourly Rates

2 Year Old: £8.44 hourly rate

3 & 4 Year Old: £6.00 hourly rates

- The hourly rate includes a snack for both morning, afternoon and full day sessions.
- Nappies, wipes and cream are **not included** and these must be provided by parents
- The lunch hour is included within the funded hours.
- Funded hours can be claimed the term after your child turns 2 or turns 3. (15 or 30 hours depending on the age of your child and your eligibility)

Below are some examples of how patterns of hours could be accessed at Little Stars for up to 15 hours of funding:

Mon- Wed 9am -11.45am = 8hrs 15mins funded

Or Mon 9am-11.45am & Tues + Wed 9am-3 pm= 14hours 45mins funded

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Below are some examples of how patterns of hours could be accessed at Little Stars for up to 30 hours of funding:

The pattern of hours for up to 30 hours of funding could be:

Mon 9am -2.15pm & Tues + Wed 9am-3pm = 17 hours 45mins funded

*Please kindly note that the example funding patterns shown are for illustrative purposes only. All sessions are subject to availability at the time of booking.

If you think you may qualify for some help with childcare please visit:

www.eastsussex.gov.uk/childcare or for any setting specific questions please contact the U5s Manager Verity Morris: verity@crtcharity.org