



Government Early Education Funding

Funded hours are
completely free!

There are no hidden
charges during your
funded hours

Parent Guide 2026 – 2027

What funding is available?



9 Months +

30 hours of funded childcare may be available depending on individual circumstances



Eligible 2 Year Olds

15 hours per week for some 2 year old children where parents receive certain benefits or qualifying support



All 3 and 4 Year Olds

15 hours per week for all children from the term after their third birthday (maximum funded allowance is 30 hours)

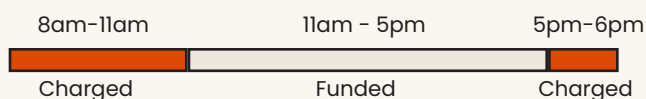
Example A

I want to send my child from 8am – 6pm

Funded + Additional Childcare

Funded hours are applied between 11am & 5pm
Only additional hours outside the funded session are charged

Purchasing additional childcare is optional



6 hours are funded and 4 hours are chargeable.

Everything is included!

Example B

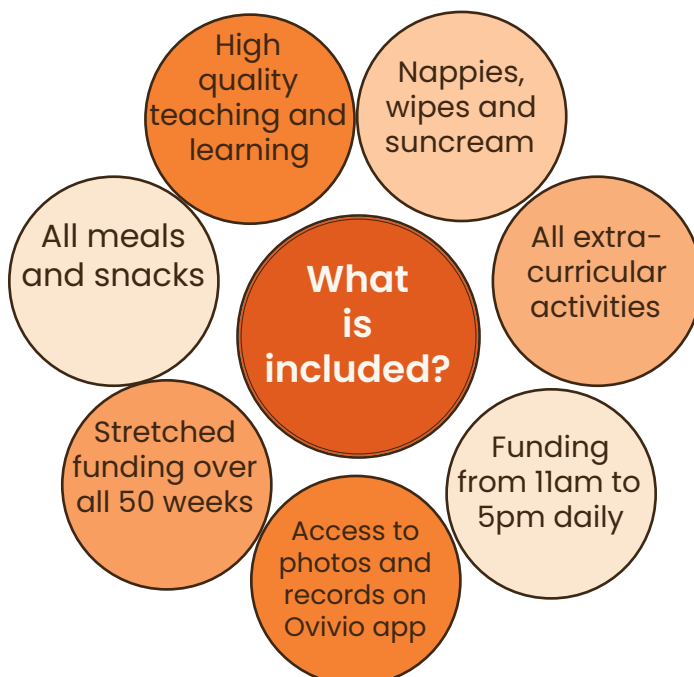
I want to send my child from 11am-5pm

Funded Childcare Only

Government funding is applied
Meals, snacks, nappies, wipes and extra curricular activities are included

Everything is included!

Our Funding Offer



Your choice – it's up to you!

You are never required to purchase additional hours in order to access your funded entitlement

You are not required to pay for any consumables or extra activities – it's all included!

Any selected additional hours (outside of funded hours) are charged at our hourly rate

Funded attendance pattern (applies to funding only places): Maximum of three days per week.

Enrolment using additional hours does not guarantee availability of a funded only space as these are subject to operational availability.

If our funded offer does not suit your families needs, all providers offer different funding arrangements so simply choose the best fit for you

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For further information please contact the team at Storybook



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Frequently Asked Questions

Everything
you need
to know about
how Government
funding works at
Snug Nursery
Schools

Why have you changed your funding offer?

We reviewed our Early Education Funding Offer to ensure it provides the best possible value for parents while allowing families to fairly access their funded entitlement.

By removing consumable charges during funded hours:

- all children have equal access to meals, activities and resources
- parents can clearly see how funding has been applied to their invoice
- our funding offer is simpler and more transparent

How will funding appear on my invoice?

Your invoice will no longer show any consumables charges.

Instead, you will see how many free funded hours have been allocated and how many additional hours have been purchased.

Your invoices will remain annualised so will stay the same each month

Can I split my funding between providers?

Yes, in many cases.

Funding can be shared between providers in accordance with local authority rules.

Please let us know if you intend to split your funded hours as we will need to know how many hours you would like to use with Snug

Can I change my attendance pattern?

Yes, if you already attend nursery and would like to access funded hours differently, you may request to change your child's attendance pattern.

We will consider all requests in accordance with our published Early Education Funding Offer and our operational arrangements

I already attend nursery on the days I would like, why can't my existing sessions become funded only sessions automatically?

Your child attends under an agreed attendance pattern. If you wish to change to a space from 11am-5pm in accordance with our published Early Education Funding Offer, we may not be able to offer this immediately due to operational requirements and allocation of spaces across the nursery.

If your preferred attendance pattern cannot reasonably be accommodated, we will discuss with you the attendance patterns that are available.

What if my preferred attendance pattern is not available?

We will discuss any funded attendance patterns that are available.

We are only able to offer sessions in line with our operational and staffing requirements so if we are not able to offer you the exact sessions you are hoping for, we will let you know what we can offer you.

Do I need to re-confirm my eligibility?

If you are claiming the Working Parent Entitlement, you must confirm your eligibility through your childcare account every three months.

Failure to do so may affect your entitlement.



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