

## Early Education and Childcare Funding at Castle Hill Private Day Nursery

There are currently 3 types of childcare funding available these are;

-Working parents funding from 9 Months old\* (30 hours per week for 38 weeks per year)

-Early Learning for 2-Year-olds\* (15 hours per week for 38 weeks per year)

-Universal entitlement for 3- and 4-year-olds\* (15 hours per week for 38 weeks per year)

Both the Working Parents and the Early Learning funding have an eligibility criteria whereas the Universal funding is available to all children the term after they turn 3.

You can find out more information and apply for funding here; this website also shows all types of childcare support you may be entitled to;

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker/view-all-schemes/>

\*All funding starts the term after they turn the eligible age, please see table below;

<b>If your child turns 9 months, 2,3 or 4 years old between:</b>	<b>When you can claim:</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> January to 31 <sup>st</sup> March	The beginning of Summer term on or after 1 April
1 <sup>st</sup> April to 31 <sup>st</sup> August	The beginning of Autumn term on or after 1 September
1 <sup>st</sup> September to 31 <sup>st</sup> December	The beginning of Spring term on or after 1 January

There is also the Government Tax- Free childcare scheme, you can find more information on the link below;

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/tax-free-childcare/>

You can use funding alongside your tax-free childcare for any payable hours; you can also use the funding alongside universal credit. However, you cannot claim both universal credit and use tax -free childcare at the same time.

### Our Delivery Model

15 Hours Funding- Non-Stretched (term time only)						
Session times	Session length	No of days	Total weekly hours	No of weeks	Total hours per year	Hours to pay
9.30am-12.30pm or 12.30-3.30pm	3 hours	5 days	15	38	570	0
Or 8-1.00pm or 1-6pm	5 hours	3 days	15	38	570	0
Or 9.30-3.30pm	6 hours	2 days	15	38	570	0
Plus 9.30am-12.30pm or 12.30-3.30pm	3 hours	Plus 1 day Total- 3 days	15	38	570	0

15 hours Funding- Stretched (51 weeks of the year)						
Session times	Session length	No of days	Total weekly hours	No of weeks	Total hours per year	Hours to pay
9.00am-12.30pm or 12.30-4.00pm	3.30 hours	2 days				
Plus			11*	51	570	0
9.00am-1.00pm or 1.00pm-5.00pm	4 hours	1 days				
		Total- 3 days				

30 Hours Funding - Non-Stretched (term time only)						
Session times	Session length	No of days	Total weekly hours	No of weeks	Total hours per year	Hours to pay
9.30-3.30pm	6 hours	5 days	30	38	1140	0
Or						
7-5pm or 8-6pm	10 hours	3 days	30	38	1140	0

30 hours Funding- Stretched (51 weeks of the year)						
Session times	Session length	No of days	Total weekly hours	No of weeks	Total hours per year	Hours to pay
8.30am-1.00pm or 1.00-5.30pm	4.30 hours	5 days	22.30*	51	1140	0
Or						
8.30am-5.30pm	9 hours	2 days				
Plus			22.30*	51	1140	0
8.30am-1.00pm or 1.00-5.30pm	4.30 hours	1 day				
		Total- 3 days				

\*This may be less depending on which term your child is entitled from

Other session options maybe available however these are at the managers approval upon agreement at registration.

If you would like to do hours outside of the government paid funded hours, these are classed as privately paid hours (paid for by yourself) and are charged at £5.50 per hour.

You can only use a maximum of 10 hours of funding in one day; therefore, where a child attends a full day 7am-6pm you will be required to pay for the extra hour at £5.50. The maximum funding that can be used in one week is 15 or 30 hours.

The maximum funding entitlement a 2, 3- and 4-year-old taking a 15-hour place is 570 funded hours between September and the following August, for 9 months, 2, 3- or 4-year-old taking up a 30-hour this is 1140 funded hours.

The Nursery does not charge for any consumables or additional services; however, we do ask parents to provide nappies, nappy cream and formula/ breast milk where needed.

Funding sessions cannot be swapped to another session, if you would like to change your regular sessions on a permanent basis, we ask that you give us 4 weeks' notice, this will only be granted if a space is available.

Unused funding hours cannot be banked up to be used ad hoc, we will only claim for the hours you will need for your weekly sessions.

The number of funded and term time only places is dependent of the numbers within the Nursery and spaces available.