



## 15 Hour Funding Factsheet

You are able to claim for the Early Education Funding the term after your child's third birthday, that is:

- A child that is 3 before 31st March qualifies for funding for the Summer term commencing April 1st.
- A child that is 3 before 31st August qualifies for funding for the Autumn term commencing September 1st.
- A child that is 3 before 31st December qualifies for funding for the Spring term commencing January 1st.

The government's 15 hour free funding scheme is calculated at 15 hours per week on a term time only basis of 38 weeks per year amounting to 570hrs of funding in any given academic year.

Given that a significant number of parents at Angels Nursery are working parents we have 'stretched' this funding equally over 51 weeks of the year at up to 11 hours per week. This reduces any variation in monthly invoices and should make it easier for parents to budget for their monthly childcare costs.

The next step is where it begins to get complicated! The grant, as directed by Northamptonshire County Council, has to be given out at no less than 2½ hourly amounts per day. At Angels Nursery funding works as follows:

- One morning or afternoon session has 2 ½ hours of funding applied
- Two morning or afternoon sessions has 5 hours of funding applied
- Three morning or afternoon sessions has 7 ½ hours of funding applied
- leaving 3.5 hours of funding for the 4th session to make 11 hours of funding per week of free entitlement.

If you do a full day session from 8am to 6pm then 5 hours of funding is applied to the first day and 6 hours of funding is applied to the next full day session to make up the 11 hours of funding per week of free entitlement.

**Please note** – If your child attends two settings and you wish to claim at both settings please make us aware of this so that we can ensure you claim the maximum amount available to you.

Finally, anyone who is claiming the Early Education Funding for the first time must return the parental contract together with their child's birth certificate and a utility bill that details your postcode. If proof of postcode and date of birth have not been seen the funding cannot be paid.

For anyone who has previously claimed, your child's birth certificate and postcode have, of course, already been checked so please just return the parental contract. If however you have moved house since the last claim you will need to provide proof of postcode again.

Could all forms please be returned to the nursery no later than your child's start date to ensure that all paperwork is received by the County by their headcount date.

If you have any further questions or need clarify any of these details, please do not hesitate to contact the Nursery Manager on 01536 519926 or via email [enquiries@angels-nursery.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@angels-nursery.co.uk).