

**3- & 4-Year-Old Government Funded Childcare 15 (Universal) and 30 hours (Extended) 38 weeks per year
9-Month-Old and 2 Year Government Funded Childcare 15 hours (30 hours from September 2025) 38 weeks
per year**

Information Sheet/Policy

Treetops Nurseries

Countryside Nurseries offer the extended entitlement (30 hours) of funded childcare to parents who are eligible. Those parents who are not eligible for the extended offer will still be able to claim the universal entitlement (15 hours) for 3- & 4-year-olds.

From the Summer Term 2024 Countryside Nurseries will offer the 15 hours per week (for 38 weeks of the year) of funded childcare to parents who are eligible for 2-year-olds and from the Autumn Term 2024 for children who are 9 months old.

From the Autumn Term 2025 the entitlement for 9-month-olds and 2-year-olds will extend to 30 hours per week (for 38 weeks of the year) to parents who are eligible.

Funding received from the local borough, covers the delivery of education only, it does not cover additional hours over and above the funded hours, food and associated costs, consumables, additional services to deliver the childcare, trips, extra-curricular activities etc. A full list of which is available at nursery.

Due to our allergy policy, we have restrictions on certain foods, please see our food policy document.

Universal Entitlement

All 3- and 4-year-olds in England get 570 hours of the funding per year (known as Universal) from the term following their third birthday.

Extended Entitlement

Many working parents of 3- and 4-year-olds in England will be eligible for a total of 1140 funded hours per year, from the term following their third birthday. Parents must apply online via the government web site, www.beststartinlife.gov.uk once approved you will be given a confirmation code which we will require. Parents are also required to reconfirm their eligibility every 3 months with www.beststartinlife.gov.uk. You risk losing your extended entitlement if you fail to reconfirm by the deadline.

9-Month-Old and 2-Year-Old Working Parent Entitlement.

Parents must apply online via the government web site, www.beststartinlife.gov.uk, once approved you will be given a confirmation code which we will require. Parents are also required to reconfirm their eligibility every 3 months with [beststartinlife](http://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk). You risk losing your entitlement if you fail to reconfirm by the deadline

How Countryside Nurseries Offer the Funded Hours

We offer all free funded hours over a stretched basis of 51 weeks per year, which means rather than offering the subsidy over 38 weeks of the year, we will offer the free hours of 11 hours or 22 hours per week, dependent on the funding you are eligible for.

We will offer the funded sessions each day from 8am to 6pm, 10 hours per day maximum. From 7.30am to 8am will be private paid for 30 minutes.

Voluntary consumables/other additional activities

As funding does not cover the food, consumables, additional activities – there will be a daily session charge for the free sessions. A full list is available at nursery and in your enquiry pack & registration form.

If you are claiming 9-month-old working parent funding the session charge per day is, £4.20 for consumables, £2.10 for additional services – Total £6.30

If you are claiming the 2-year-old working parent funding the session charge per day is, £6.20 for consumables, £3.10 for additional services – Total £9.30

If you are claiming the 3- & 4-year funding the session charge per afternoon is, £8.20 for consumables, £4.10 for additional services – Total £12.30

Funding received from Oxfordshire Council does not cover all food and snacks, however we will not be making an additional charge for this, Countryside will be covering the cost.

3 & 4 Year Old Funding

Children must turn 3 on or before the 31st December to claim from the Spring Term, 31st March from the Summer Term and 31st August from the Autumn Term.

2 year old Funding

Children must turn 2 on or before the 31st March to claim for the Summer Term, 31st August for the Autumn Term and 31st December for the Spring Term.

9 month old Funding

Children must turn 9 months on or before the 31st August to claim for the Autumn Term, 31st December for the Spring Term and 31st March for the Summer Term.

Terms

The subsidy is split over 3 academic terms, Spring, Summer and Autumn.

From the Autumn 25 claim period you will be notified via our “Funding Loop” software tool to complete your funding claim form by the deadline specified, please ensure that have applied for your working parent eligibility code as you will need to include this in your claim, or your extended 3 & 4 year old eligibility code, you will also be asked to upload proof of the date of birth of your little one (birth certificate or passport).

Without the code we are unable to claim the extended or working parent funding on your behalf. Please note - Codes are not required for universal 3 & 4 year old funding.

All 9-month-olds and 2-year-olds must apply for a code.

You will also be required to re-confirm your code every 3 months.

If your claim form is not returned by the deadline, you may be at risk of losing your funding.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Williams on 01628 476153 or email enquiries@countrysidenurseries.co.uk.

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