

Early Years Funded Entitlement at Davison Day Nursery

Up to 30 hours Childcare for Eligible Working Families (Available for children aged 9 months to 4 years old)

Up to 29 hours of funded childcare support over 39 weeks of the year for children between 9 months and 4 years old. Funding available from the term after your child reaches eligible age.

Please visit the [Best Start in Life website](#) to check your eligibility and details on how to apply.

Up to 15 hours childcare for eligible families of two-year-olds receiving some additional form of support (local Authority Funding)

Available for children aged 2 years receiving some additional form of support

Eligible 2-year-olds can receive funded childcare support of up to 570 hours of childcare (up to 14.5 hours per week for 39 weeks of the year) each year the start of the term after their second birthday.

This funding is applied for via West Sussex County Council and is for families in receipt of some form of government support. Please visit the [West Sussex County Council webpages](#) for further information on eligibility criteria and details on how to apply.

Up to 15 hours 'Universal' Funded Childcare

All 3- & 4-year-olds automatically receive funding to support up to 570 hours childcare (14.5 hours per week over 39 weeks of the year) each year from the start of the term after their third birthday. You do not need to apply for this funding.

When can you start the funding

Term Start Dates

- Children born 1 April – 31 August: Eligible from Autumn Term (September).
- Children born 1 September – 31 December: Eligible from Spring Term (January).
- Children born 1 January – 31 March: Eligible from Summer Term (April)

Headcount Day

It is important to know when headcount day is each term, as children in receipt of funding should be in attendance by this date to access any funding for that term. The exception to this is for Local Authority funded 2-year-olds (those issued with a 6-digit eligibility code) who can start at any point during the term. Headcount days are usually towards the end of January, April and September and are set by West Sussex County Council.

It is now possible to use a Post Headcount Exceptional Payment request form, if a child misses Headcount Day – they must have a completed Parent Declaration Form and valid eligibility codes for the term.

Once your child is using their funded hours, if you choose to increase them these changes cannot be made until the start of the following term.

Stretched Funding at Davison Day Nursery

We are open for 39 weeks of the year and WSCC fund us for 38 weeks. We therefore stretch our funding over 39 weeks.

Parent Declaration Form

Families in receipt of funding will be asked to complete a declaration form. **We are unable to make any claims without this form.** We will ask you to complete a new form if any of your circumstances change (e.g new address, change to sessions, change from 2-year to 3-year funding).

What Costs does the Funding Cover

The money we receive for the funding from the government is intended to cover the cost of childcare and the delivery of The Early Years Foundation Stage only. In reality, the funding we receive is less than what it costs for the nursery to deliver the childcare itself, let alone any cost of any overheads such as consumables, cleaning costs, food etc.

It therefore **does not** cover the hour between 1pm and 2pm which is **unfunded and costs £8.20**. It does not cover the cost of a range of other services that include:

- Lunch and snacks
- Activities over and above the provision of the Early Years Foundation Stage, such as French, interactive sessions with Paula, football and other off-site outings.
- Consumables such as baby wipes, nappy cream, sun cream, art and craft and other resources

Funded Only Spaces

We are dedicated to supporting families and giving every child the best start in life. It is our mission to enable young children to thrive in a learning and caring environment, therefore we offer funded only spaces if there is availability in the nursery. These spaces are allocated on a first come first serve basis, with priority being given to Children We Care For (children in foster care).

Our funded only sessions are all inclusive other than lunch. You can choose to purchase a hot lunch or to provide a healthy packed lunch as an alternative. There are no other costs for a Fully Funded session.