

## Support with paying for childcare

### *Early Years Free Education Entitlement (EYFEE):*

#### 15 hours of free early education for 2 year olds

Some 2 year olds can get 570 hours of free early education per year. It's usually taken as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year.

#### 15 hours of free early education for 3 and 4 year olds

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours of free early education for 38 weeks of the year. The full free entitlement of 15 hours must be taken over a minimum of two days per week.

#### 30 hours of free early education for working parents of children aged 3 and 4

Friendly Families Nursery also offers the 30 hours of free early education for eligible working parents.

#### Using entitlements for the full year

If your child is signed up to attend the nursery for the full year (i.e. not term-time only), the free entitlements will be spread across the 50 weeks of the year, which amounts to approximately 23 hours of free childcare per week.

#### Eligibility for entitlements

Children qualify for the free entitlement in the term following their 2nd or 3rd birthday (depending on what they are claiming) in accordance with nationally prescribed dates, as per the below table:

<b>If your child turns 3 between:</b>	<b>They are eligible from:</b>
1 September to 31 December	1 January (spring term)
1 January to 31 March	1 April (summer term)
1 April to 31 August	1 September (autumn term)

To check your eligibility for these entitlements, and to find out how to apply, please visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) - or speak to the Nursery Manager.

Any additional hours taken up above the free entitlement will be charged by the Nursery in line with the fees advertised on our website.

*Childcare Vouchers / Tax-Free Childcare:*

We accept payment through Tax Free Childcare and childcare vouchers. You can use these as well as the free hours of childcare for 2, 3 and 4 year olds if you are eligible for these.

Tax Free Childcare is a government scheme which will pay 20% of your childcare costs up to £2000 a year, or £4000 a year if your child is disabled. To get Tax Free Childcare you and your partner if you have one both need to be in paid work. To find out if you are eligible and set up an account, visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).

Childcare vouchers are offered by some employers. They are now closed to new entrants because Tax Free Childcare is available instead. If you are already getting childcare vouchers from your employer, you can use them with us.