

Funding your childcare

As the UK's leading childcare and nursery provider, we do all we can to give your child the very best start in life – and make your life easier. So if you're finding childcare funding a little tricky, we'll do our very best to help.



Seven things to know about fees and funding

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The government helps fund your childcare

There are two main schemes to support parents with childcare costs. All 3 and 4 years olds, and some eligible 2 year olds, can get 15 hours funded childcare. But working parents of 3 and 4 year olds can double the allowance to 30 hours funded childcare.

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Government funding doesn't cover all the costs

That's why we'll ask you to pay towards the other essentials and extras, like NHS-accredited meals and our exclusive UP app, that make Busy Bees such a special place.

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You can stretch your allowance over the year

Because government funded hours only apply to term time (38 weeks), most parents 'stretch' the allowance across the whole year (up to 52 weeks).



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Stretching has benefits for you and your child

As well as helping with budgeting and balancing childcare costs, it can settle your child into a familiar routine and give them the consistent care they need for healthy, happy development.

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Your funded hours might not cover full sessions or days

All Busy Bees nurseries offer morning, afternoon or full day sessions which will include funded and non-funded hours. Funding allows for up to 10 hours a day, but not all those hours will necessarily be funded. Some centres open for longer than 10 hours, too.

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Our combined fee makes things easy

While it sounds like there's a lot to know, we make things simple. Our combined fees tell you how much you'll pay for the sessions you choose and detail the number of non-funded and funded hours in each session. It might vary between nurseries, as running costs, staff numbers and other factors can differ.

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For 30 hours funding, you'll need to check your eligibility

Every three months you'll have to check and confirm you're eligible to get your 30 hours code. Just make sure you've set a reminder.



Want to know more?

We've explained these points in much more detail in our downloadable funding pack, which tells you absolutely everything there is to know about fees, funding and Busy Bees. Whatever you decide, we'll do the best we can to fit in with your busy family life and working hours. And, if you ever need to make a change for your child, all you need to do is chat to your centre director.

Next steps

- **Download our parent pack** from busybeeschildcare.co.uk for more information about how fees and funding works.

- **Speak to your centre director** about the hours and funding you need.
- **Visit childcarechoices.gov.uk** to find out more about 15 and 30 hours funded childcare.
- **Talk to HMRC** for help on applying for your 30 hours funded childcare code by calling **0300 123 4097**.

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