



## **Early Years Educational Grant (EYE)**

### **Over 3's**

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to the Early Years Educational Grant the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. The entitlement enables each child to receive 570 funded hours ('Universal' offer) within an Early Years setting per year.

In addition to this, some children may be entitled to an additional 570 funded hours ('Extended' offer), making a total of 1140 hours per year.

The above offer is often advertised as '15' or '30' hours per week.

### **9 months – 3 years**

From April 2024, the Department for Education introduced funding for 'working families' for children aged 9 months – 3 years.

Children eligible for this funding will be able to claim this from the term **after** turning 9 months old and will be eligible for 570 funded hours within an Early Years setting per year.

From September 2025, this funding will be extended to 1140 hours per year.

### **How we claim funded hours at Puffins**

To check the options available and if you are eligible, please see the below website:

[Homepage | Best Start in Life](#)

At Puffins we offer the funded hours in a 'stretched' manner, which means your child will be able to access 11.2 funded hours or 22.4 funded hours per week, over 51 weeks, depending on their entitlement.

The funding is not intended to cover the costs of meals, other consumables, additional hours or additional activities. Therefore, from September 2025, we will be introducing an 'Enhanced Provision Charge' for each funded session, of £2.50 per funded hour. This fee is intended to cover the costs of all meals, snacks, online learning profile, wipes, suncream, seasonal crafts (such as religious events, Christmas, Easter, etc.) and additional activities such as cooking.

For disadvantaged families, we offer opportunities to access the free entitlement hours without the Enhanced Provision Charge. Please contact the Nursery Manager for more details.