

Funded Places - Information for Parents

At Riverside Nursery School we are committed to providing funded places for children from the age of 9 months to 4 years and supporting the Government and parents to provide “the best start in life” for all children and ensure that they are “school ready”. Gloucestershire County Council funds 38 weeks of the year which covers all term time weeks except 1 week. Parents can choose for their child to attend “Term-time only” or pay for their child to attend during the school holidays at full fees. Parents can also opt for their child to attend only for the funded hours. It is not a condition of attendance that you have to pay for additional hours.

All children aged 3-4 years are entitled to 15 hours “Universal Funding” per week.

Working families* are eligible to claim 30 hours funding per week from the age of 9 months, subject to eligibility criteria and on provision of an Eligibility Code. Parents become eligible for the funding from the first term after their child’s qualifying birthday. Both parents must be working within a month of the child starting nursery to remain eligible for the funding.

Example

Working Family - Child A is born on 25/01/2024 and turns 9 months on 25/10/25, they are eligible for 30 hours funding from January 2026.

Universal Funding - Child B is born on 15/03/023 and turns 3 yrs on 15/03/2026, they are eligible for 15 hours Universal Funding from April 2026.

To Check your eligibility and make an application for Working Families funding please visit [www.https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education](https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education)

Riverside Nursery - Tutshill (England) allows parents to use funding between the hours of 9am-3pm Monday to Friday. If you need your child to attend for any additional hours they will be charged at the normal rate**. During funded hours the nursery has the right to charge extra for meals and snacks*** and these costs will be added to your account unless we are advised otherwise. The cost of these will be clearly itemised on your invoice.

PLEASE NOTE: Parents and carers have the right to opt out of meal costs and may provide a packed lunch/snack/tea if they choose (subject to our Meal from home policy). Please note that once you have made your decision to opt in or out of meal costs this stands for a full term. You will be given the option to review your choice at the start of each term. Parents and carers also have the right to attend term time only and can choose to take their child out of nursery for holiday periods. Please sign below to let the nursery know your preference.

*Please refer to the Government website to ensure eligibility

**Please see price list

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