

## Funded Places Wales - Information for Parents

At Riverside Nursery we are committed to providing funded places for children. Monmouthshire County Council funds 48 weeks of the year including school holidays, leaving 4 weeks of the year that you are required to pay full fees. It is advised that non-funded weeks are used in August.

### Funding in Wales is split into two parts:

**Educational Funding (LEA)** - maximum of 10 hours per week and all children aged between 3-4 years are eligible for this funding. Parents whose children attend 5 days per week can claim 2 hrs per day and parents whose children attend between 1-4 days per week can claim 2.5 hrs per day. LEA sessions run between 10am - 12pm or 1pm - 3pm and parents can opt for their child to attend only LEA sessions. The nursery claims this benefit on your behalf.

**Childcare Offer for Wales (CCO)** - maximum of 20 hours per week and eligibility is based on the parents' employed status. CCO hours can be used between 8am - 6pm as an addition to the educational hours. Parents must apply for this funding through the government website and provide an eligibility code.

Any additional hours attended outside of the 30 hours funding will be charged at £10.00 per hour. It is not a condition of attendance that you must book/pay for additional hours. You can choose to attend for funded hours only.

### Eligibility

Your child is eligible for the funding from the term after their 3rd birthday.

To be eligible for the Childcare Offer you must be a working parent, working the equivalent of 16hrs per week or more. To apply for the additional 20 hours, go to <https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/monfis/> and scroll down to **30 Hours Childcare Offer**. We will receive an email once your eligibility has been confirmed.

During funded hours, the nursery has the right to charge extra for meals and snacks. You can opt to pay for nursery meals (see below for prices) or you can opt to bring a meal from home (subject to our Meal from Home policy). Please note once you have made your decision to opt in or out of meal costs this stands for a full term.

### Meal costs:

- £2.00 breakfast
- £2.00 snack
- £3.50 Lunch
- £2.50 Tea