

Dear Parents,

1st February 2024

New Funding Summary 2024

As announced in the 2023 Spring Budget, the early education and care entitlements will be expanded to children aged 9 months over the following stages:

- From **April 2024**, working parents of two-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours of funded childcare per week, over 38 weeks of the year, from the term AFTER their child's birthday.
- From **September 2024**, this will be extended to parents of children aged 9 months and above, eligible from the term after child turns 9 months.
- From **September 2025**, working parents will be able to access 30 hours of funded childcare per week, over 38 weeks of the year, for children aged 9 months up until 1st September following their fifth birthday (5 year old funding only applies to children who have deferred their child's school entry)

2 Year Old Funding

The 2 year funding is available from the 1st April 2024 for eligible 'working' families (the same criteria as for 30 hours funding for 3 and 4 year olds). A funding code will be issued by HMRC and can be applied for now. The code is 11 digits and will start with 500/501. A valid code must be obtained by the 31st March 2024 to receive the funding from the 1st April. Applications should be made here:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

For both types of funding, the funding starts from the term after your child's 2nd birthday, so it will either start on the 1st January, 1st April or 1st September.

Once you have your eligibility code, please forward to Diane at tiddlersdaynursery@gmail.com along with your national insurance number.

I will send further information regarding costs once we have all the facts from Banes, but for now, please feel free to obtain your code. Applications need to be made before the **31st March 2024**.

Please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for more information and to apply for your funding.

Two-Year funding is still available for families who are entitled to additional government funding as in previous terms. This includes families on low income, looked after /adopted children, children with SEN or DLA confirmed. A funding code is required from the local authority and Banes children or children attending in Banes can apply here: <https://parent.bathnes.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/home>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Kind regards

Diane

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