

How we offer the Early Years Funding at our Full Day Nursery

At Little Angels we accept the government childcare funding that is currently available and is being introduced in 2024 and 2025.

Age	Date Available	Elgability	How do i check my Elgiability?
3 & 4 year olds	Current	<p>All 3 year old are entitled to 15 hours funding.</p> <p>You may be eligible for an additional 15 hours funding /</p>	<p>To check if you are eligible you need to complete an application on the Childcare website:</p> <p>www.childcarechoices.gov.uk</p> <p>This will be linked to your tax free childcare account if you use this.</p> <p>You will need to provide us with your Funding Code and your National Insurance number</p>
2 Year olds	April 2024	Working families will be entitled for 15 hours	
	Current	Some children are eligible based on other aspects, you will receive a code from the local authority.	
9 Months upwards	September 2024	Working families will be entitled to 15 hours fundnig	

Full details of funding and eligibility and ways to support early years education and care can be found on the website:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

The funding is provided the term after your little angel has reached the required age:

<u>Month Born</u>	<u>Month funding starts</u>
January-March	April
April-August	September
September-December	January

Each term you will be requested to complete a parental declaration form to provide us with all details include funding codes and your National Insurance number.

Please note that the government provide funding for term time only, 38 weeks of the year. A total of 570 or 1140 hours over the year period.

Funding is provided for childcare and education only, therefore we place an Consumables and Club Charge each month to allow provision of food provided each day, any creams and nappies/wipes, as well as additional activities.

What does this mean for me?

Here at Little Angels we are open all year round, with the exception of bank holidays, team development days and a Christmas Break.

Therefore we are open for 51 weeks of the year and we stretch your funding to cover each week you are with us.

Due to the nature of the government funded hours **you can only claim 5.5 hours of funding per day.** The hours you can claim funding for will depend on your sessions here. You will then pay for the remainder of the day you require as a half day fee. See the table below:

Booked Session	Funded Hours	Non-Funded Hours
Early Full Day	7.30am-1.00pm	1.00pm-5.30pm
Late Full Day	1.00pm-6.30pm	8.00am-1.00pm

Due the hours we offer this means that we can only provide a **maximum of 22 hours per week for 51 weeks of the year.**

During funded hours there is an consumable charge for items we provide such as nappies, wipes, sun cream, food etc. This will be charged each funded session you attend.

We also will provide a charge for the additional activities we provide each day we offer such as Forest School, Serious for Sport, Teacher session etc. Each day there is a 'club' offered to the children, some may be term time only. Please see the separate notice for the additional activities we provide here at Little Angels.

We support your choice, and if you wish for you to attend for your funded hours only , please note this will be based on the hours stated above over the 51 weeks.



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So how many hours am I actually claiming?

This all depends on the number of days you attend Little Angels, you can claim only a maximum of 5.5 hours of funding per day here at Little Angels. This is similar length of time to a whole day in a school based setting, which is what the government funded hours are based on.

Due to our opening hours being longer than a traditional school day, we have tried our best to be able to offer as many hours as possible. What this does provide is 51 weeks of funding- all year round with no break in early years education.

To help please see the table below which shows how the weekly funding you will be claiming based on the number of days your child attends.

Number of Days (either early or late day)	Weekly Funding Claim
1	5.5 hours
2	11 hours
3	16.5 hours
4	22 hours
5	22 hours

The parental declaration form

Every school term we need to complete a parent declaration form. This provides us with lots of information that we share with the local authority. It is a legal requirement that we have to adhere to, therefore if you do not complete your parental declaration form we will not be able to claim the funding and apply the funding to you.





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Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Little Angels stretched funding over 51 weeks what does this equate to with regards to the Governments communication of 30 hours per week?

It is a little bit confusing converting the weekly funding for 51 weeks into the government based on 38 weeks (school time only). Please see the table to show below, the number of funding claimed over 51 weeks compares to the equivalent of government communication of term time only funding:

Number of days	Little Angels Weekly Funding Claim	Equivalence to Government terms of funding we will be claiming (term time only)
1	5.5 hours	7.4 hours
2	11 hours	14.8 hours (15 hours)
3	16.5 hours	22.1 hours
4	22 hours	29.5 hours
5	22 hours	29.5 hour

You will see that attending 2 days per week you receive the equivalent of 14.8 hours, the remainder 0.2 hours is 5 minutes per day you attend. Which we do offer through additional events throughout the year.

2. Can I share my funding?

Yes you can, you can share your funding with another early years educational provider. Please note here at Little Angels you can only claim in 5.5 hour blocks and it is offered for 51 weeks.

For example if you attend Little Angels 1 days, claiming 5.5 hours per week this equates to 7.4 hours funding, you may have a remainder 7.6 or 22.6 hours funding to use at another provider.

You will be required to place this on the funding declaration form.



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4. Can I bring in my own packed lunch from home?

The safety of all Little Angels is very important to us, we have numerous children who have dietary and allergy requirements. Our kitchen ensures that the food provided is safe for all of the children in our care.

We also aim for children to be offered a wide range of foods that supports their nutritious requirements.

Therefore we do not allow to bring your own lunch into the nursery. If your Little Angel is classified as a vulnerable child, entitled to EYPP, or has developmental needs we can discuss options to be able to support you.

5. Do I have to pay for the additional 'clubs'?

This is optional, if you do not wish to pay for the charge for the additional activities outsourced your child will not attend and you will not be charged. We charge the same fee for each day for each of the separate 'clubs' we provide.

All our clubs provide educational benefits in a fun way of learning.

6. How do I claim my funding?

The amount of funding you are entitled to depends on your application, you need to complete the 30 hours application on the website:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Once you have received confirmation of your funding entitlement you will receive a code. You need to provide this on your parental declaration form with your National Insurance number for us to confirm eligibility.

You need to make sure you complete your application form for funding before the new 'school term' you will be entitled to claim funding from.

Once confirmed we will automatically update your records to reflect your funding, resulting a change in your invoice.

You will have to updated and confirm your eligibility regularly, this is managed separately from Little Angels.