



EFFECTIVE FROM 1 APRIL 2023

Funding entitlement across the year

The table below outlines the maximum number of hours of funding that we can offer a child per month and per week, depending on whether they are eligible for Universal Entitlement (15 Hours over 38 weeks) or Extended Entitlement (30 Hours over 38 weeks). Please note that we stretch funding entitlement over the 50 weeks we're open.



Maximum funded hours	Per year	Per month	Per week (across 50)
Universal entitlement (15 hours)	570	47.92	11.50
Extended entitlement (30 hours)	1140	95.83	23.00

Charges per funded session

As explained in the Funding Agreement



Funded sessions	Funded hours	Non-funded hours	Total cost
Morning (8:30 am - 2:30 pm)	3.50	2.50	£38.38
Standard Day (8:30 am - 5:30 pm)	5.75	3.25	£45.61
Standard Day (8:30 am - 5:30 pm)	7.00	2.00	£38.96
Standard Day (8:30 am - 5:30 pm)	8.00	1.00	£33.64

For our pre-school, we offer a Forest School from 10am to 1pm for £25. This cannot be attended during a normal nursery session, and funding cannot be used toward it. Parents must drop off and pick up at the Forest School site.

How your invoice is calculated

Calculating your monthly fees if you are claiming funded hours



$$\frac{\text{Weekly cost} \times 50}{12} = \text{Monthly cost}$$

Please contact the Nursery for a bespoke quote based on your booking pattern.

Funded childcare is an initiative by the Government to help parents with the cost of childcare in the early years.

There are various schemes offered, all with different eligibility criteria. Parents can check www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for further information on what options are available.

All 3- and 4-year-old children are entitled to funded early years education, equating to 15 hours per week over 38 weeks of the year during the term dates set by the Local Authority (this is known as Universal Entitlement). Children become eligible for funded childcare at the start of the term following their third birthday. Families that are already receiving some forms of support from the Government may qualify for 15 Hours funded childcare at the start of the term following their second birthday (this is known as the Two-Year-Old Entitlement).

To support eligible working parents, the Government increases the funding entitlement from 15 hours per week to 30 hours per week (this is known as Extended Entitlement), again over the 38 weeks of school term time. Whilst offering 15 and 30 hours funded childcare is not compulsory, Storal do offer 15 and 30 hours funded childcare to eligible parents.

How Storal offers funded early years provision

- Places are subject to availability and will be offered in accordance with our Admissions policy.
- We stretch both the Universal Entitlement (total of 570 hours per year) and Extended Entitlement (total of 1,140 hours per year) over the 50 weeks of the year that we're open to support working parents to budget for year-round Early Years provision. This equates to 11.5 hours per week for the Universal Entitlement and 23 per week for Extended Entitlement. Please note: if your nursery is open for a different number of weeks, then we stretch the entitlement over that period and this will impact the number of funded hours per week. Your Funding Fee Sheet will make this clear.
- We split the year into 3 equal terms of 4 months each as per the table below. As a result, children who become eligible for funding from the Summer term will be able to start using stretched funding at the nursery from 1 May and continue using their funding during the summer holidays.

Stretched Terms	Dates	Number of Months
Autumn	1 September to 31 December	4
Spring	1 January to 30 April	4
Summer	1 May to 31 August	4

- Funding entitlement is offered within our regular sessions. Parents are charged for any non-funded hours at the regular hourly rate for the session, as outlined in our Funding Fee Sheet.
- Our offering exceeds the basic standard of care required for funded hours set out by the Department for Education, including but not limited to meals, snacks, consumables, local trips and extended wrap around hours. Accordingly, we charge a fixed amount per funded session for Essential Extras, which are not covered by Government Funding. The amount charged per session is shown in our nursery Funding Fee Sheet, which forms part of this agreement.
- If parents are unable to pay the Essential Extras charge or for the wrap around hours, they will need to speak to the Nursery Manager about applying for a fully free place. As the rate provided by the Department for Education and the Local Authority (LA) for funded hours does not cover the full costs of delivering high quality early education nor does it fully reflect inflation each year, in order to remain financially viable, we can only offer a limited number of free places per term. Priority is given to children who are/were eligible for Two-Year-Old Entitlement or Early Years Pupil Premium, in accordance with our Admissions Policy.
- Parents that claim funding give their consent and commitment for us to stretch their funding for at least a term. If, at the point of termination, you have used more funded hours than we have claimed from the LA, we will reclaim the costs of any unfunded hours back from you.
- There is no rebate to parents for unused funding. Where a child leaves the nursery to join another Early Years setting part-way through the term, we will transfer funding at the end of your notice period if the LA allows this transfer to happen.

- Children joining us mid-way through the term (i.e. after the Local Authority headcount date) will be charged our regular fee rates (as outlined in our Fee Sheet) until the next term begins, or sooner if their funding is transferred over to us sooner by the LA.

Notice of termination

If you are claiming Government Funding, you are required to give us at least one month's notice in order to terminate your child's nursery place or to reduce sessions (other than for a "Revised Fees Notice") so we can provide the correct information to the LA. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event that you terminate your child's place, the full amount of the Fees, including any charges for unfunded hours or essential extras during the stated notice period, shall remain payable. Please review our T&Cs for further detail.

Parent funding declarations

To qualify to receive funded childcare, Early Years providers are required to enter into a separate agreement with parents called a Parent Declaration. The format of Parent Declarations varies by LA, as do the deadlines to claim funding. The Parent Declaration must be signed every term. If the Parent Declaration is not signed on time, Funded childcare will not be claimed on your behalf and full fees (without funding) will be charged to you.

Required documentation

In addition, funding regulations require Early Years providers to obtain documentation to evidence eligibility for the funding as per below:

- Two-Year-Old Entitlement: Child's birth certificate or passport, confirmation of eligibility (e.g. LA confirmation letter/email or code);
- Universal Funded Childcare (15 Hours): Child's birth certificate or passport;
- Extended Funded Childcare (30 Hours): Child's birth certificate or passport, Parent's full name, date of birth, eligibility code issued by HMRC, and national insurance number.

Child absences

Each LA has their own policy on child absences during Funded Childcare. We must keep the LAs informed of child absences and they have the right to recover funding payments made during periods of absences. Parents are responsible for paying Storal for any reclaimed funding payments by the LA due to a child's absence. Where a child's absence included funded hours, this missed funding cannot be used at a later date.

Sharing funding at two different providers

It is possible to share funding between two different providers, but parents should note the complexities of claiming in a mixed funding model. Parents should let us know of their intentions to claim at another setting before making a definite arrangement, as this decision will affect the hours we are able to claim for. Total funded hours cannot exceed the statutory allowance of 570 or 1,140 hours per year.

Invoicing

Your monthly invoice will show the number of hours of funding provided for free that month and a combined total amount for any unfunded hours and the Essential Extras charge. The amounts are clearly outlined in the accompanying Funding Fee Sheet. Since we invoice on an equal monthly basis (where we take your weekly charge and multiply this by the weeks that we are open for and divide by 12), the inclusive funding hours per month and charges will remain the same from month to month, unless fees are revised or you change your child's booking pattern. It is important that customers understand the breakdown of how your monthly invoice is calculated, and what additional charges you are agreeing to pay for, before signing this form.

I have read, understood, and accept this Funding Agreement, including the accompanying Funded Fee Sheet

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Child's name.....

Signed by Parent/Guardian responsible for paying fees.....

Date: