

Humpty Dumpty's Kindergarden

Funded Early Education and Childcare

The early years funding can be complicated and we hope that the information below will help you.

Funded hours only cover the core Early Years Foundation Stage and we are not allowed to use this funding for the additional hours or services that we offer here at Humpty Dumpty's. Without these additional services, we would not be able to provide the high level of service, education and care for each individual child. Once eligible we will do what we can to accommodate your requirements within our available session times however the entitlement to a funded place does not guarantee that place at any one provider or within a particular pattern of delivery. Every provider will have a different pattern of delivery which fits the service that they provide for the children.

We have detailed below how your child can access their funded early education and childcare hours here at Humpty Dumpty's Kindergarden. Accepting funding is a voluntary scheme for private early years providers and early years settings are not obliged to accept these schemes as funding for children's fees. However, we realise the value for children attending a high quality early years setting along with the help funding can give parents as it can significantly reduce their fees payable. We have worked really hard to ensure the funded hours do not negatively impact the service that we deliver, allowing your children to access everything that we deliver in our all-inclusive service at a much lower cost once they are eligible for funding. Funding will only be allocated between 8am until 4pm. Any additional hours past 4pm will be charged at our hourly rate.

The current funding schemes available at Humpty Dumpty's Kindergarden are:

1. Universal 15 hours for all 3 and 4 year olds.
2. Additional 15 hours for 3 and 4 year olds of working parents. (Please note this cannot be claimed at Humpty Dumpty's Kindergarden unless we are already claiming your child's full universal funding with us)
3. 15 Hours funding for eligible two year olds (Spaces are limited).

The criteria to meet each scheme is different, you can check if your child is eligible on the government childcare choices website - <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

Stretching the Funding.

As Humpty Dumpty's Kindergarden is a full daycare nursery which is open for 51 weeks of the year we offer our funded sessions as 'stretched' only. This means that your child will receive their 570 hours (Universal funding) or 1140 hours (Universal + Additional Working Parents Funding) stretched over the whole year. We allow funding to be claimed in Flexible hour blocks each day depending on sessions, hours already claimed and many more factors please ask Laura or Abbi if you have any questions.

If claiming universal hours your funded hours per week must not exceed 11.

If claiming universal hours and additional funding your funded hours per week must not exceed 22.

On average $1140 / 51 \text{ weeks} = 22.35$ hours per week

On average $570 / 51 = 11.17$ hours per week

Please note that your child will attend for more hours per session but the maximum funded hours per session are below. You do NOT have to claim the full number of hours per week however please



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remember that to claim any part of the additional working parents funding you MUST be claiming your full allocation of universal funding here at Humpty Dumpty's Kindergarden. If the total number of hours exceeds the delegated funding hours per session the hours exceeding will be claimed at our hourly rate £6.10. In addition, if extra days are required these will be claimed at the day rate appropriate for your child's room.

Additional Service Charge.

There is an additional service charge for each session. Our service charge includes but is not limited to, meals, snacks, resources, consumables, visitors, music workshops, e-learning, peripatetic teachers and local community outings.

Providers are unable to use funding for such items and could not maintain the high-quality provision that they provide without making these charges. As you can see from the chart below, using the funding significantly reduces your daily fees while the small amount that we charge enables us to still deliver our excellent service to children and families.

Please note the **570/1140 hours are stretched across the year**. This does mean that there May be some chargeable hours in addition to those that are funded. We are able to confirm how many of these when we receive notification of your required sessions and these will be charged using our private fee structure.

Cycle of eligibility = 3 claim periods (1st claim being the first term after the child's 3rd birthday)

There is a recommended amount of hours to be claimed per term ensuring that it is kept within the maximum hours per year (1140). During a cycle of eligibility no more than **570/1140 hours can be claimed** we urge that the recommended hours are claimed to avoid large reduction in total funded hours the 3rd claim period.

Why is my place NOT free?

Funding can only be used for the core Early Years Foundation Stage and NOT for services and items which we offer over and above this. There are some early years providers who are offering hours completely 'free' and we have considered this but the cuts we would need to make to our service to accommodate this would be considerable and we feel, detrimental to our provision. We are determined to provide a high-quality nursery for our families where children are individuals and become part of the Humpty Dumpty's family; we cannot achieve this on the funding alone. If you do wish to access a completely funded space we do have limited funded only sessions as below.

Funded Only Sessions.

We do have a limited number of funded sessions with no additional service charges. These are currently a 4.5 hour funded sessions between the hours of 1300-1730 over two sessions, please ask for details. These places do not include snack or meals or consumables and you need to provide these in line with our policies, details on request. These sessions are criteria based and are limited so please ask the Nursery Manager or Deputy for more information if you feel you may be eligible for these.

Claiming the Funding.

Please look on <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> for full information as it is subject to change. At the time of writing the following applies:

ALL 3 and 4 years old are eligible the term **after** their 3rd birthday.

Eligible 2 year olds will be able to access funding the term **after** their 2nd birthday.

You will need to fill out a Parent Claim Form along with the original of your child's birth certificate or passport for us to photocopy.



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COMING SOON

From Apr 2024 - Up to 15 hours for eligible working families in England with a 2-year-old.

From Sept 2024 - Up to 15 hours for eligible working families in England with a child between 9 and 23 months old.

From Sept 2025 - Up to 30 hours for eligible working families in England with a child from 9 months old up to school age.

