



SUNNINGHILL PREP SCHOOL & NURSERY

EARLY YEARS FUNDED EARLY EDUCATION FOR 3 & 4 YEAR OLDS

Who can apply?

All parents get up to 15 hours funded childcare per week for 3 and 4 year olds.

You could get up to 30 hours funded childcare in total if you and your partner (if you have one) work full or part-time hours.

You could still be eligible, even if you're on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or if you're unable to work.

Check the full eligibility criteria to find out if you can claim.

If you're a foster carer who works and you meet the eligibility criteria, you can apply for 30 hours funded childcare.

15 hours funding

All parents can claim up to 15 hours of funded childcare for 38 weeks of the year for all children in the Early Years (Nursery and Reception classes).

The funding doesn't cover the cost of additional costs and services provided over the allocated hours and these may include:

Swimming, music, outdoor studies, trips out of school, parties, lunch, break-time refreshments (snacks and drinks), stationery, textbooks, nappies, and ICT (this list is not exhaustive).

Any additional charges will be invoiced in accordance with our Fees Charging Structure.

30 Hours funding

Working parents may be able to get an additional funded 15 hours a week. This could be up to 30 hours in total.

Check if you're eligible and find out how to apply by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-tax-free-childcare>.

When will the funded childcare start?

You can claim for 15/30 hours funded childcare the term after your child's third birthday. This means it would start either in January, April or September and this entitlement continues until they reach compulsory school age (up to and including the term in which they turn five).

Find the date your child is eligible from in this table:

Eligibility dates for 3 and 4-year-old funded childcare	
Must be 3 years old by	Date child is eligible for funding from
31 December	1 January (Spring term)
31 March	1 April (Summer term)
31 August	1 September (Autumn term)

How do I apply?

Once your child has been accepted into Sunninghill, we will apply for the funding on your behalf and the funding will be paid directly to us. Your termly invoice will show the grant as a discount that we have claimed. Each term's invoice may change due to Dorset County Council's rate changing, along with the different number of claimable weeks in each term.

We will ask you to complete the Dorset County Council Parental Agreement form at the end of each term for claims for the following term. This form declares how many hours you wish to claim and specific information such as your child's name, date of birth, address and your contact telephone number. This form also includes the funding Terms and Conditions listed and it will be retained by the School.

Your invoice

The Funded Early Education Funding amount that Sunninghill is able to claim on your behalf from Dorset County Council is based upon the number of weeks in a term and their approved funding rate (the rate is the same for all Dorset County Council childcare providers). The funding will be shown as a discount on your invoice.

Further information

For further information about the Early Education funding please contact our Bursar by telephoning 01305 262306 or by email: bursar@sunninghill.dorset.sch.uk