

# **Funding Information**

Here at The Learning Tree, we offer the following Early Years Entitlement (funding) for our families\*:

- 9-month-old funding for eligible working families
- 2-year-old funding for eligible working families
- 2-year-old funding for eligible families who receive some form of government support
   3- & 4-year-old Universal funding (15 hours) which is open to all children
   3- & 4-year-old 30 hours funding for eligible working families

Funding is available the term after a child turns the relevant age, there are three terms:

**Autumn** (1<sup>st</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> December) - a child will need to have turned the relevant age on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August

**Spring** 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March) - a child will need to have turned the relevant age on or before 31<sup>st</sup> December

**Summer** (1st April – 31st August) - a child will need to have turned the relevant age on or before the 31st March

Please check if you are eligible for funding here: <a href="www.childcarechoices.gov.uk">www.childcarechoices.gov.uk</a>

\*Funding can only be used on regular sessions; it is not applied to extra hours/sessions.

\* Please note that any changes to funded hours can only happen during a half term.



# <u>Understanding how funding is applied Term time only or All year round.</u>

**15 hours funding** can be applied term time only or this can be stretched to 11 hour a week all year round here.

**30 hours funding** can again be applied term time only or this can be stretched to 22 hours a week all year round.

Funded hours may be used between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday.

## <u>Understanding the Consumable charge</u>

BANES/Somerset pay a set rate of funding per hour, per child to all Early Years settings to allow them to deliver and provide the EYFS curriculum to eligible children. The Learning Tree Day Nursery offers services above and beyond the requirements of the EYFS curriculum and as such charge for these additional services and products which include:

- Trained Forest School Lead
  - Trained Yoga Teacher
- Trained Tree Babies Practitioner
- 2 x Qualified Early Years Teachers
  - Groundskeeper
- Weekly Dance Sessions from a qualified dance teacher
  - Weekly Music sessions
  - High quality resources that fit in with our ethos
- On site chefs who provide balanced and nutritious meals
- Continuous investment in our staff training beyond government requirements

This list is not exhaustive as we are always looking for ways to develop.



# What information do I need to give to nursery?

#### You will need to give nursery a funding code

#### Funding codes:

3- & 4-year-old Universal funding (15 hours term time only/ 11 hours spread all year round), which is open to all children, does not require a funding code.

#### The following types of funding require code:

- 9-month-old funding for working families
- 2-year-old funding for working families
- 2-year-old funding for families who receive some form of government support
  - 3- & 4-year-old funding for working families

It is your responsibility to apply for the funding code within the time scales set by BANES and Somerset. Please find the current cut of dates to apply for codes below:

Spring term which runs from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March - apply by 31<sup>st</sup> December Summer term which runs from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> August – apply by 31<sup>st</sup> March Autumn term which runs from 1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> December – apply by 31<sup>st</sup> August

You will need to continue to renew your eligibility, as communicated to you via your online childcare account. Your code will follow your child from 9 months to 4 years if you are still eligible.

The Learning Tree cannot be responsible for communicating the need to renew codes. It is the parents/carers responsibility in all cases, to ensure that codes are renewed and that your funding is still available for us to claim on your behalf. \*

\*If you are no longer eligible you need to inform nursery and adjustments will be made to your child's invoices.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) this is funding that allows us to provide additional resources to support your child.



#### You will also need to provide the following information with your code:

### (BANES)

Child's First name and Surname
Child's Gender
Child's Date of Birth
Child's Ethincity
Child's Home address including postcode

Parent name and Surname
Parent National Insurance Number
Parent date of birth

Copy of your child's Birth Certificate

(Somerset) in addition to the above:

Child Registration form
Parent Declaration Form
Working families code form
All forms are available from the office \*

\*Chilcompton nursery comes under Somerset, therefore you will need to ensure you fill in the forms for us to claim the funding on your behalf.

Please let us know if you are claiming funding at another setting and how much funding you are claiming at the other setting.

In providing The Learning Tree Day Nursery with this information, you are authorising us to claim funding on your behalf.