



FEEE Policy.

At Yellow Brick Rd Nursery we accept all government funding as well as private paying spaces. Parents are welcome to use their funded hours in line with our session times and does include lunch hour, we offer flexibility where we can and are happy to swap sessions to fit in with families if needed as and where we can. Parents will be asked to sign a parent agreement form every April for us to be able to claim the funding this is an agreement between the nursery and the parent. Funding is used in our settings term time only and this is spread out over 38 weeks from April to the end of March the following year. We do not offer stretched funding currently in our settings as we are only open 38 weeks of the year. We DO NOT charge for deposits or admin FEES at our settings, unless a private paying space is reserving a space for more than one term in advance, this deposit is one month's fees and will be refunded after completion of their first month at the nursery.

Our Nursery sessions are as follows and can be spread over the week as parents wish providing we have the space available, we will do our very best to offer the sessions you wish:

- 8.30-12
- 8.30-1
- 8.30-4
- 12-4
- 1-4

Monday to Friday 38 weeks of the year, our term dates are in line with most local schools, ask your manager for an annual copy of term dates for the upcoming year.

FEEE2 Funding

As long as the family meet the following criteria they should successfully qualify for FEEE2 funding:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (not Working Tax Credit), with an annual income below £16,190
- Pension Guarantee Credit
- Employment and Support Allowance, income related
- support under part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act, 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit, if you and your partner have a combined income from work of £15,400 or less a year, after tax

Your child might also be eligible if:

- they are looked after by a local authority
- they have an [education, health and care \(EHC\) plan](#)
- they get [Disability Allowance](#)
- they have left care under a special guardianship order, child arrangements order or adoption order
- you are a non-EEA citizen who cannot claim benefits

Funding is available from the term after your child turns 2. You can find more information on [childcare eligibility](#) on the Childcare Choices website.

The Nursery can assist parents/carers with the application online.

If successful the parents will receive 15 funded hours per week, which will be applied for and paid directly to the nursery, the code beginning with TYF belongs to you and will need to be given to the nursery of your choice we will then be able to add it onto our head count and claim the funding for your child for the term.

FEEE3&4 Funding

All children aged 3 and 4 are entitled to 15 Hours per week funding and this can be taken flexibly over the week including the lunch hour from the term after their 3rd birthday for information on eligibility dates please visit <https://eycp.essex.gov.uk/media/2653/feee-guide-for-parents-apr-24-mar25.pdf> the parents guide to funding has all information related to funding in early years and the statutory requirements. Applications for FEEE 3&4 is not necessary and the child is automatically eligible for the 15 universal hours in the setting of choice as long as there are spaces available. Relevant information is required to claim the funding including full name DOB, address, the parents/carers information and national insurance numbers, full information is requested upon registration as well as signing the parental agreement form.

All parents must sign a parental agreement form annually or termly if circumstances or eligibility changes.

Extended Hours for 3&4 year olds

Some children from working families would be eligible for 30 hours funding from the term after their 3rd birthday for 38 weeks of the year, this is 15 hours universal hours per week and 15 hours extended entitlement per week, please visit the <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator> to check eligibility. Parents will be given a numerical code, again this code belongs to you and is individual to your child, you are then required to give the nursery the code and sign the parental agreement form for us to be able to claim the funding termly. This code is applied for by the family and must be reconfirmed every 3 months by you to check your circumstances are still the same, a message will be sent to your childcare account when it is time to reconfirm. The funding code will stay the same but reconfirmation is needed to ensure the code does not expire, we can support with reminders when reconfirmation is needed also.

FEE1W and FEE2W FUNDING

Working families are now eligible for 15 hours funding from the term after their child turns 9 months old this is called FEE1W and the term after the child turns 2 this is called FEE2W please visit the eligibility calculator <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator> to check to see if this applies to your family. The funding is 15 hours per week and is used over 38 weeks of the year term time only April to the end of March the following year. This entitlement is being extended to 30 hours in September 2025. Parents will be given a numerical code, again this code belongs to you and is individual to your child, you are then required to give the nursery the code and sign the parental agreement form for us to be able to claim the funding termly. This code is applied for by the family and must be reconfirmed every 3 months by you to check your circumstances are still the same, a message will be sent to your childcare account when it is time to reconfirm. The funding code will stay the same but reconfirmation is needed to ensure the code does not expire, we can support with reminders when reconfirmation is needed also.

With FEE1W and FEE2W the child's funding code will stay the same as they move through their nursery journey as long as the code is reconfirmed termly it will automatically turn to the 30 hours the term after they turn 3 years old.

Tax Free Childcare

At Yellow Brick Rd Nursery we accept tax free childcare. You can get up to £500 every 3 months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. This goes up to £1,000 every 3 months if a child is

disabled (up to £4,000 a year). If you get Tax-Free Childcare, you'll set up an online childcare account for your child. For every £8 you pay into this account, the government will pay in £2 to use to pay your provider. You can get Tax-Free Childcare at the same time as 15 or 30 hours free childcare if you're eligible for both. For more information please visit the gov website <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>.

EYPP (early years pupil premium)

All children who are in receipt of FEEE could be eligible for EYPP. EYPP is not paid for the 3&4 year olds EFE (extended funding entitlement hours). The EYPP gives the childcare provider additional funding, which we can use to provide additional resources that will support your child.

So that we can claim this extra funding we will ask you to fill in the section on the parent/carer agreement form. We will talk to you about what your child needs to help them learn and ways we can support your child's next step to use the funding to give the child any extra support they may need.

Disability access funding (DAF)

If your child qualifies for disability living allowance (DLA), we are able to apply for DAF each financial year. You will need to provide evidence of the DLA. This additional funding can be spent on equipment, resources or making reasonable adjustments to the setting. If your child splits their funded hours across 2 settings you should nominate the main setting which will receive the DAF for your child, the DAF is paid to one setting only.

Special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)

At yellow Brick Rd Nursery we pride ourselves on excellent SEND support and will not discriminate the use of funded hours for children with SEND we may at the discretion of our staff, SENDco Leigh Moore and the parents apply for additional funding SENIF (special educational needs inclusion funding) to support the extra staff and support needed to best care for your child and meet their additional needs. Permission will be gained from parents before any applications are made, we will work with our inclusion partner to support us with how we can use SENIF funding to support each child and to support us in applications and the need for the funding.

Consumables charge

From April 2024 we made the decision to introduce a consumable charge at yellow brick Rd nursery this charge excludes all families accessing FEEE2 with a code beginning TYF, for all other families the charge is voluntary and we do appreciate your support with our consumables. Consumables list includes but not exhaustive of; Breakfast cereal, Fruit, Snack, Toilet rolls, nappies, wipes, Sun Cream, Gloves, Aprons, Medical supplies, Medicines Calpol / paracetamol, and all extra-curricular activities including trips out in the community, such as bus trips, beach, library, rhyme time sessions, animal experiences, sensory seeker sessions, seasonal visits to pumpkin patches, Christmas and easter experiences.

Please let a member of staff know if you wish to opt out of the consumable charge and your nursery manager will not invoice you for it, your child WILL NOT be excluded from any snack times or extra curricular activities if you cannot pay the consumables charge. The registration form will be resent out to parents termly for review and to be able to opt back in or out of the consumables charge.

15 hours funded per week: £3.75 per week.

30 hours funded per week: £7.50 per week.

This is invoiced monthly one month in advanced by the nursery manager, it will clearly state the amount charged and by how many weeks broken down on the invoice.

For all funding information and requirements laid out by ECC please visit <https://eycp.essex.gov.uk/media/2653/feee-guide-for-parents-apr-24-mar25.pdf>

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