

Chandlers Chatters Playgroup/Preschool
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Fees and Funding Policy

Funded Early Education Entitlements for (2 – 4 years)

Important notice regarding ALL parents' Consumables/sustainability Fee from **September 2024**

As you may be aware the Department for Education have finally agreed to remove the word 'Free' from funding adverts and correspondence. The Government have now stated that the funding which we receive is to cover the cost of high quality and flexible childcare and is not intended to cover other costs, such as meals, consumables, additional hours, and activities. Parents can expect to pay for other consumables or additional activities offered by the provider such as spare nappies, wipes, trips, resources etc.

This is a private matter between, parents and the provider.

Our additional service charge of **50p per hour** will be applied to all **Funded hours** delivered. The hourly charge covers, **but is not limited to:**

Wipes

Tissues

Disposable gloves

Handwash

Cereals

Crackers

Bread

Flour

Oil

Food Colouring

Plasters

Sports coach

Compulsory Staff Training

Paper

Ink

Special events

Mobile phone

Crafts

All funded Parents will receive an invoice at the end of each term, to ideally be paid by the first week of the new term.

We understand that this is another outgoing for our families, however with wage increase, room hire increase and the rise in cost of living, we have been subsidising costs for years and like other local playgroups, we have been left with no other option, until the Government adequately fund Early Years provisions.

Thank you for choosing Chandlers Chatters Playgroup/Preschool childcare. Please see below the Fees and Funding Policy which will provide important information about this provision. Please keep a copy for your future reference.

Private fees

£20 for half day session and £35 for full day session each session. *

*Subject to change

- Please be aware that if your child leaves mid-way through the year they may not have received the number of funded hours that have been claimed.
- If you choose to leave the setting at the end or part way through a funded period, and your funding is stopped you may be asked to reimburse our loss

Private paying parents will not be invoiced a consumable charge.

Funded Early Education

I am registered with Havering Council to offer funded early education. At the beginning of each funded period (term), you will need to complete and sign the Parental Declaration Form to confirm that funded entitlement can be claimed on your behalf, with relevant copies of identification such as birth certificate and passport.

At Chandlers Chatters we offer the following entitlements:

Funded Early Education for two-year-olds.

Eligible families can access up to 15 hours of funded early education and childcare a week.

To check eligibility for Funded early education for two-year-olds, we need the eligibility code.

Universal Entitlement (15 Hours)

Available for all 3- and 4-year-olds the term after the child's 3rd birthday. There are no criteria attached, parents do not need to apply.

Working Parents Entitlement (30 Hours)

Available for 3- and 4-year-olds whose family meet specific eligibility criteria regarding their employment status.

To check eligibility for Working Parents Entitlement please see guidance at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. Parents will need to make an application via childcare choices to ensure eligibility and reconfirm eligibility before the beginning of each term.

From April 2024, eligible working parents of 2-year-olds can access 15 hours funded early education and childcare (over 38 weeks a year) from the term after their child's 2nd birthday.

From Sept 2024, eligible working parents of children aged 9 months can access 15 hours funded early education and childcare (over 38 weeks a year) from the term following their child turning 9 months. **(however, we only accept children from 2 years of age)**

From Sept 2025, the offer will be rolled out in full, with eligible working parents of children aged 9 months and above able to access 30 hours funded early education and childcare (over 38 weeks a

year) from the term following their child turning 9 months. **(However, we only accept children from 2 years of age)**

Early Years Pupil Premium

EYPP provides additional funding to settings to support children's learning and development. This can be used for extra equipment, resources, or additional training for staff. Your child may be eligible if you are in receipt of some income related benefits or if your child is looked after by the local authority, adopted from care, has left care through a special guardianship arrangement, or has left care and is subject to a child arrangement order.

If you think you may be eligible, you can use the EYPP application form on page 3 of the funded early education declaration form. You will be asked to sign this form each funded period to access your funded entitlement with your early year's provider. All you need to do is fill in this page of the form and (Provider Name) will then process the details. Any information you share will be completely confidential and this will not affect any benefits you.

It is permissible to charge for consumables, events, additional resources, meals, and snacks as part of a funded entitlement place.

We are mindful of the impact of additional charges on the most disadvantaged parents and at Managers discretion may make amendments to this fee.

Tax-Free Childcare

At Chandlers Chatters Playgroup/Preschool we accept Tax-Free Childcare. Parents can check eligibility and apply for Tax Free Childcare via www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. Tax Free Childcare is the system that has replaced the previous childcare voucher scheme.

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).

Parents can check eligibility and apply for Tax Free Childcare via www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. You'll need to 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 funded childcare if you're eligible for both. This is only for paid childcare and not funded. If you accept payment via childcare vouchers (where a working parent's employer is signed up to a scheme), or if you are registered with HMRC to be paid by Tax-Free Childcare, let parents know that they can pay you using these methods. Payments via Tax-Free Childcare can be used until a child is 11 years old!

Invoicing

State here how parents will be invoiced for additional hours and/or charges.

Fees will be invoiced at the end of each term with payment before the start of a new term.

Late Payment Charges.

All late payments of fees will result in £10 per week fine.

Notice Periods

We require a 4 week notice period in writing from Parents to cancel their childcare place or reduce their childcare hours. If 4 weeks' notice is not given Funded and non-funded children will be asked to pay the terms fees.

Date: March 2024

Review Date: When required.

