



Buxton Nursery

Funding Information

Early Years Funding

All 3 & 4 year olds are eligible for 570 hours a year childcare that the Government contribute to. Since September 2017 they introduced an extended entitlement for children whose parents meet certain criteria.

As the Government only contribute towards this we have to factor in an additional cost to cover consumables and food.

We therefore have introduced an additional services and Quality Premium charge for 3 & 4 year olds. The cost of this is £3 per session, (am and pm, so £6 for a full day). We hope that you understand our situation and agree to support us by paying this charge. Any parent paying for additional wrap around care will be automatically charged for the additional services and quality premium.

Number of hours

If you are entitled to the Universal funding you receive 570 hours a year and if you are eligible for the additional hours then you are entitled to 1140 hours per year.

This equates to 15 or 30 hours a week if you attend term time only.

If you attend all year round (50 weeks) this equates to 11.4 or 22.8 hours a week.

Thinking in advance

If your child is eligible for funding next term and you think you will qualify for the additional hours please let me know as soon as possible as places are already beginning to fill up.

We want to ensure children already with us are able to access these hours before taking on any new children.

Even if you are only eligible for the Universal hours please let me know if you want to change or increase your hours.

Additional Services

The Department of Education issued the following guidance on 'Additional Services'. "You should use government funding to provide high-quality, flexible early education and childcare. You shouldn't use this funding to cover the cost of consumable items, such as drinks, meals or nappies, or additional services, such as baby yoga, music lessons and school trips"

The following consumables are included in our 'Additional Services' charges:- Fresh fruit, healthy snacks and drinks throughout the day. All Consumables including; wipes; disposable gloves; disposable nappy liners, tissues, toilet paper; hand cleaner; antibacterial gel; Suncream; all washing and cleaning products, Nappy Bags etc.

Quality Premium

This covers the following;

- Parents evenings
- Reports and summary observations
- Bank staff to include higher ratios on trips out
- Use of the minibus which includes Trips to the Argyle, Library, Park, Museum, Sensory Room,
- Termly visits/trips e.g Police, Fire-station, Dental Box, Animal Magic
- Projects that incur additional cost such as purchasing Caterpillars

If your child is only using funding then the costs for the Additional Services and Quality Premium are voluntary. If you choose not to pay then we will provide you with a list of consumables you need to provide on a day to day basis. With regard to the Quality Premium, we will only be able to maintain our high standards of care if we can afford all of the items listed above.

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How to apply?

- Parents must apply for both the 30-hour entitlement or the Tax-Free Childcare scheme through a joint online system administered by HMRC, as the eligibility requirements for both schemes are the same. Parents will be required to reconfirm their eligibility every three months by making a declaration that they expect their earnings to fall within the required threshold. Parents who make inaccurate or dishonest declarations can be fined between £300 and £3000.
- When parents receive confirmation of their eligibility from HMRC, they will receive a code to give to Buxton Nursery. We will then be required to confirm the validity of this code through the 'Providers Portal' of the DCC Funding Team. We will also need your national insurance numbers and written consent.

You can check your eligibility on

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

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National Grace Period

- If a parent suddenly becomes ineligible - they will not lose their childcare place immediately as there will be a national grace period to enable parents to retain their childcare place for a short period of around 3 to 4 months.
- This will work the same way in every part of the country and local authorities and providers will be able to use an online eligibility checker to determine how long the child can continue to receive a 30-hour place.
- Any child who loses their eligibility for 30 hours will still be entitled to the universal 15-hour entitlement.
- This is another problem we as nursery providers may face. If a parent becomes ineligible we will lose the funding after the grace period and may struggle to fill the place as children on our waiting list will have chosen another nursery.



A New Government Scheme—Tax Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare will be available to around 2 million households to help with the cost of childcare, enabling more parents to go out to work if they want to and to provide greater security for their families.

- **You will be able to open an online account** which you can pay into to cover the cost of childcare with Buxton Nursery. This will be done through the government website, GOV.UK. You'll be able to apply for all your children at the same time, when your youngest child becomes eligible. All eligible parents will be able to join the scheme.
- For every 80p you or someone else pays in, the government will top up an extra 20p. This is equivalent of the tax most people pay - 20% - which gives the scheme its name, 'tax-free'. The government will top up the account with 20% of childcare costs up to a total of £10,000 - the equivalent of up to £2,000 support per child per year (or £4,000 for disabled children).
- To qualify, parents will have to be in work, and each earning at least £115 a week and not more than £100,000 each per year. The scheme is designed to be flexible for parents if, for example, they want to get back to work after the birth of a child or work part-time.
- Any eligible working family can use the Tax-Free Childcare scheme - it doesn't rely on employers offering it.
- The scheme will also be available for parents who are self-employed, on paid sick leave and paid and unpaid statutory maternity, paternity and adoption leave.
- If you currently receive Employer-Supported Childcare then you can continue to do so. You do not have to switch to Tax-Free Childcare if you do not wish to. The current scheme will remain open to new entrants until April 2018. Parents already registered by this date will be able to continue using it for as long as their employer offers it.



Tax Free Childcare.....

- Parents and others can pay money into their childcare account as and when they like. This gives you the flexibility to pay in more in some months, and less at other times. This means you can build up a balance in your account to use at times when you need more childcare than usual, for example, over the summer holidays.
- The process will be as simple as possible for parents. For example, you'll re-confirm your circumstances every 3 months using a simple online process and there will be a simple log-in service where parents can view accounts for all of their children at once.
- You will be able to withdraw money from the account if you want to. If your circumstances change or you no longer want to pay into the account, then you'll be able to withdraw the money you have built up. If you do, the government will withdraw its corresponding contribution.
- If you would like to be kept up to date about the new Childcare Schemes please look at the links below

childcarechoices.gov.uk

or

www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator

Several campaigners are working to encourage the government to change the terminology from 'free' hours to 'subsidised' hours. Please look on youtube.com and search 'champagne nurseries on a lemonade funding'. There is a video by David Kyte that explains exactly what we are facing. (Use the link below).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Zm-mYA6XpQ>