

## **Funded Only Space Policy**

### **Introduction**

We understand that the costs of childcare are high and a tough balancing point for many parents, therefore we are committed to offering a good quality childcare whilst remaining competitive. We are an open all-year round nursery and close only for Christmas and New Year holidays, as well as bank holidays. Fees are charged on a monthly equivalent of weekly planned attendance for all year through 51 weeks of the year.

Our fee includes charges for meals, milk, wipes, and nappies. Formula milk would require to be provided by parents according to the brand they prefer for their baby.

We accept all childcare vouchers, and we are also registered with HMRC to accept payments through the Tax-Free Childcare scheme.

We accept the government funding 15 hours and 30 hours funding, offered on a stretched basis throughout the year, based on 51 weeks of attendance.

As a setting, we provide a limited number of fully funded sessions, that do not require an administration fee for registration and if paid, we credit it back to the parents. We would request for parents to provide their own nappies and wipes, as well as any child specific consumables such as nappy or sun creams, for the fully funded sessions attended. Any meals provided would be payable.

### **Terms and Conditions**

- Funded only spaces are for only children with financial or socially challenging backgrounds, therefore we have limited it to children in receipt of EYPP (early years pupil premium) and/or DLA (Disability Living Allowance).
- Funded only spaces will be offered only if the nursery occupancy is at a minimum of 70%.
- Funded only spaces will be limited to 10% of funded 2-year-old spaces. Children who receive the 3 and 4-year-old funding only, cannot start with a funded only space. The space would start the term after the child's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday and may continue on the same basis when they turn 3 years old, and onwards.
- Fully funded spaces using the 15-hour funding are limited to sessions Monday to Friday from 12 noon until 3.00pm. Fully funded spaces using the 30-hour funding are limited to sessions Monday to Friday from 12 noon until 6.00pm, on a term time only basis.
- An exception and preference can be made only for staff members with children enrolled in the nursery, who are able to request a funded only space.
- The space is at the manager's discretion, proof of eligibility is required, and the space is subject to availability.