



FUNDING FACTS



Funding fact sheet



Yipee! Your child is now at the age that you can receive 15- or 30-hours funding entitlement. What great news!



Here at Happy Trails Play we know that this is one of the trickiest items to navigate for all families. But do not dismay- we are here to help with our family friendly fact sheet just for you.

You may be wondering how it all works. You may have questions like the ones here below:



When can I apply for funding?

How do I apply for funding?



What support can I get with my fees?



We have the answer! If you follow this quick link to the government's Childcare Choices website it gives you all of the information about what you might be eligible for.



Childcare **Choices**

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

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How we offer funding here at Happy Trails play?

The funding received from the government is based on a 38 week term time.

Here is how we offer this funding at Happy Trails Play

All children ages 3-4 years old can access the universal 15 hours funding the term after their third birthday

The 30 hours childcare scheme is available for all children the term after they turn 9 months

To find out if you are eligible for this and how to apply please visit the childcare choices website

We 'stretch' the funded hours over 51 weeks of the year for consistency and year round support. We do this so that your child will get into a great routine coming all year round. Plus, for parents it's nice to know the fees will stay the same throughout the year.

This means that parents on the 15 hours funding will receive 11.2 hours of funding per week for 51 weeks of the year.

This means that parents on the 30-hour funding will receive 22.4 hours of funding per week.

Our parents usually need their child to spend longer time at the nursery than the funding offers. We offer additional non funded hours to support this. See our fees page.

Please see the Childcare choices website to see how the 15- & 30-hours funding may work alongside other government support schemes.

The 'extras' and 'enhancements' are not covered by government funding and parents will be asked to pay for this.

Funding Facts!



Making it Simple:



15 hour funding

30 hour funding

Entitlement

15 hours per week

30 hours per week

Age of child?

9 months + Working Parents
Some 2 year olds
All 3 & 4 yr olds

9m+ 2,3,4yr old working parents

What does it cover?

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Our stretched offer

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Non funded and stretched funded hours explained?

We say we offer a 'stretched' hours scheme (please see info in how we offer funding). But what does that actually look like?

Here at Happy Trails Play we don't offer childcare by the hour, which means that your hours need to cover either a full day or session. So, for example, say your child attends 2 full days a week. They would access 11.2 hours of funding, so 5.6 hours per day. This means that your day would only be partially funded and wouldn't quite cover the 10 hour session. So, we would then round that day out with additional non-funded hours to cover the rest of the day. These hours are charged at our standard rate.

Our fees

Government funding only pays for a limited number of hours, it doesn't pay for all of the extras and enhancements that Happy Trails Play offers to make it such an amazing nursery. To help to give your child the best experiences we can offer we ask you to pay for these along with the rest of your hours.

If you choose to opt out of our extras and enhancements charge, not to worry we have our alternative option available. Please see the FUNDED information here for you. If you have any questions please speak to a member of the management team we are always happy to help.





Funding Facts!

Extras and enhancements



These are the important consumables such as meals, toiletries, along with **enhancements** like **bespoke equipment** that offer children **real life experiences** e.g. cooking club, gardening club, trips, and extra curriculum activities.

The government funding does not cover the cost of this, so like most nurseries, we ask you to pay. Take a look, I am sure you will understand **how beneficial this is to your child's journey and development.**



Meals, drink and grazing stations

We pride ourselves on offering an amazing culinary experience for all children. Our onsite chef prepares nutritious and delicious meals everyday. We also offer children grazing stations, formula milk provided, blendies naturally balanced with superfoods added and cooking experiences.



Consumables

We offer all nappies, wipes, creams, formula milk, sunscreen, and more! We will always keep your child clean and comfortable.

When the time comes, we will offer individualised support for potty training and beyond.



Little Green Thumbs Gardening Club



At our nursery, we believe in nurturing curiosity and a love for nature through our Little Green Thumbs Gardening Club! With the **guidance of our very own allotment specialist**, children get hands-on experience growing their own fruits, vegetables, and flowers. They'll explore the wonders of the natural world, discovering where food comes from and how plants grow. Not only does this provide a fantastic learning experience, but it also promotes healthy well-being, encouraging little ones to enjoy fresh air, outdoor play, and a connection with nature. Through digging, planting, and harvesting, they'll develop a deeper understanding of the world—all while having fun in the great outdoors!



Little Chefs Cooking Club



At our nursery, we're stirring up excitement in the kitchen with our Little Chefs Cooking Club! Guided by our experienced chef, children will embark on a fun-filled culinary journey, learning expert skills that will stay with them for life. From cracking their own eggs to baking delicious homemade bread and even designing their own meals, our little chefs will grow in confidence while exploring a world of flavors. This hands-on experience helps children develop a love for healthy eating, make nutritious choices, and expand their taste buds with a wide variety of foods. Cooking is more than just fun—it's a way to inspire creativity, independence, and a lifelong appreciation for good food!

Big Adventures, Little Explorers



At our nursery, we believe that the best way to learn is through real-world experiences—and our Big Adventures, Little Explorers is all about discovery! From visiting bustling farms to exploring wonder-filled libraries and beyond, children will embark on exciting journeys that bring learning to life. **These hands-on adventures help them build a rich catalogue of real experiences, sparking curiosity, confidence, and a love for the world around them.** Every trip is a chance to see, touch, and explore—creating lifelong memories that will shape their understanding of people, places, and the wider world!

Magical Extras!

At our nursery, we go beyond the everyday to offer exciting extra-curricular sessions throughout the year! From energetic sports clubs to joyful dance sessions, calming yoga lessons, and so much more, our little learners get the chance to move, stretch, and grow in fun and engaging ways. **These activities not only bring excitement and variety to their day but also help build strong muscles, coordination, and a love for staying active.**

By exploring different ways to move, children develop confidence, resilience, and lifelong healthy habits—all while having an absolute blast!



How are your fees with funding calculated?

Here at Happy Trails Play it is our mission to ensure we offer exceptional childcare education for you and we will not compromise the quality of our provision. We pride ourselves on being open and transparent with all of our families about our calculations for our amazing extra and enhancements - our fully inclusive package! Here is a working example of how the fees including our extras and enhancements are calculated:

FULL DAY (10HRS)	5.6HRS Covered by funding	EXTRAS AND ENHANCEMENTS	
£95.00	+ 4.4HRS at £41.80	FOOD: Costs pro-rata = £11.43 CONSUMABLES: Costs pro-rata = £2.29 EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS: Costs pro-rata = £1.68	= £57.20 Cost of a full day allocating 5.6HRS of funding
			
AM/PM (5HRS)	2.8HRS Covered by funding	EXTRAS AND ENHANCEMENTS	
£57.00	+ 2.2HRS at £25.08	FOOD: Costs pro-rata = £5.71 CONSUMABLES: Costs pro-rata = £1.15 EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS: Costs pro-rata = £0.84	= £32.78 Cost of a full day allocating 2.8HRS of funding
			

The breakdown of your 'all inclusive package' is clearly itemised on invoices and is as follows:

- Nutritional menus and foods £2.04 per funded hour
- Consumables £0.41 per funded hour
- Extra-Curricular activities (including sports sessions and visitors) £0.84 per funded hour



Our 'All inclusive Package' fees are worked out across the year and divided equally across 51 weeks.



These are just a few of the amazing opportunities we offer your children. Please pop in and see us to find out more!



Can I opt out of the enhanced provision?

Yes we do offer an alternative FUNDED ONLY option! These are released each term and are allocated on a first come basis. These sessions work a bit different. As there is no charge to parent's extra's and enhancements will not be included and the hours of these sessions will be different to our standard sessions.



Can I take my funding hours in days or blocks?

All funded hours are offered on a basic 2.8 hours per session (this is an AM or PM). So, if your child is doing 1 half-day session this will have 2.8 \ hours of funding attached to it.



Can I roll my funding hours over to the next term?

Sorry due to government restrictions this is not possible.



I've missed the deadline to apply for my 30 hours code. Can my child still get funding?

The 30 hours funding only applies for the term after you have applied. You will receive the 15 hours universal funding (for $\frac{3}{4}$ year olds only) . We can then allocate the 30 hours the following term.



Can I have funding at two different places?

You may 'split' the funding between us and another childcare provider. You must inform us if you are doing so and how much you will be claiming at the other setting. Your funding is limited to the hours stipulated in your eligibility and your joint claim for both settings must not exceed this.