



Government Funded Hours Fact Sheet

<p><u>There are 3 types of government funded hours</u></p> <p>15 hours for eligible 2 year olds 15 hours for all 3 and 4 year olds 30 hours for eligible 3 and 4 year olds</p> <p>To find out if you are eligible you need to apply via either of these websites www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/childcare-and-pre-school/free-childcare</p> <p>You do not need to apply for the 15 hours for 3 and 4 year olds</p> <p>All funded hours start the term after a child's birthday. September, January or April</p>	<p><u>How can you use these hours at Little Explorers?</u></p> <p>2 year old 15 hours can be used in blocks of 3 hours. 9-12pm and 12-3pm. Many parents choose two days of 9-3pm and one half day of 9-12pm or 12-3pm</p> <p>3 and 4 year old 15 hours can be used in the same way as above</p> <p>3 and 4 year old 30 hours can be used in blocks of three hours. 9-12pm, 12-3pm and 3-6pm. Many parents use five days a week 9-3pm</p> <p>The blocks can be used as you wish, providing we have availability. Children going home at 12pm will not have lunch at nursery. Children arriving at 12pm will need to bring a packed lunch</p>
<p><u>Can you pay for additional hours?</u></p> <p>Yes, you can pay for the breakfast hour, 8-9am. We will provide breakfast</p> <p>You can pay for other additional hours around your entitlement. Invoices are sent out around the 14th of each month and need to be paid by 28th. You are paying in advance for the following month</p> <p>You will still be charged for these hours during non-funded times, please view the term calendar in the next box</p>	<p><u>Are these hours term time only?</u></p> <p>Yes, Little Explorers offers funded hours during term time only. Please view our term calendar here https://www.littleexplorershythe.com/documents-and-policies</p> <p>During non-funded times you can book and pay for extra hours by completing an additional hours form</p> <p>Your child will not automatically be booked in for their funded hours during non-funded times, only for their paid hours</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>30 hours Funding</u></p> <p>If you have applied and are eligible for 30 hours funding you will receive a code from the government. Please then complete one of our 30 hours forms so that we can claim the code. You will need to validate this code 3 times per year</p> <p style="text-align: center;">When first applying for the 30 hours you must provide us the code by these dates 20th August 15th December 20th March</p> <p style="text-align: center;">We cannot accept codes for the following terms after these dates</p> <p>If you use the 3-6pm slot you will need to decide if you would like to send your child with a cold packed tea or if you would like to pay for tea. Tea is at 5pm. Please ask for details.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">You do not need to re-apply for 2 year old or any other funding</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please contact us for further information</p>	



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