

PENGUIN PRE-SCHOOL

EARLY YEARS FUNDING GUIDE

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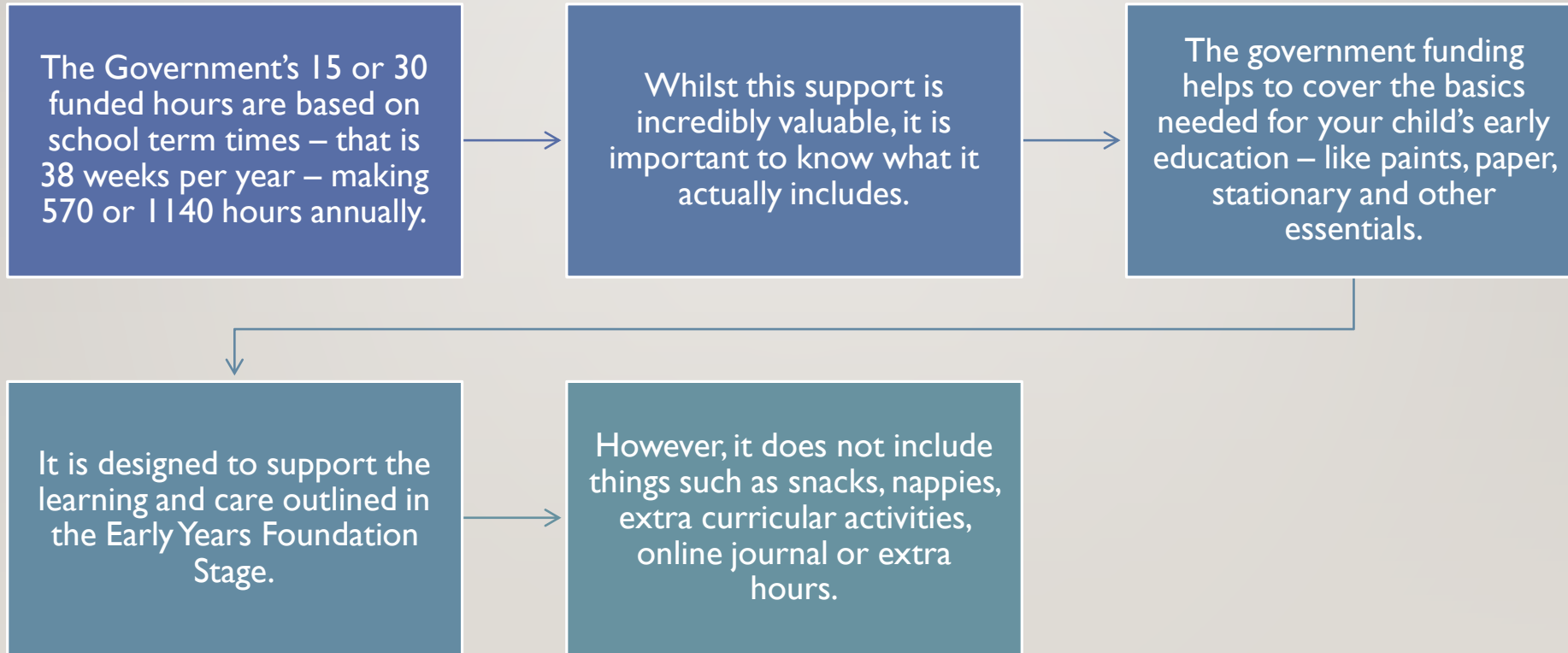
WHO CAN GET FUNDED CHILDCARE?

VISIT

WWW.BESTSTARTINLIFE.GOV.UK

Entitlement	Child's age	Eligibility	What you can receive	How to apply
Working parents entitlement	From the term after they turn 9 months until they start school	Read more on eligibility for the working parent entitlement .	30 hours per week over 38 weeks of the year.	You apply online on GOV.UK.
For parents of 2-year-olds receiving some additional forms of support	From the term after they turn 2 years old	Read more on eligibility for this entitlement .	15 hours per week over 38 weeks of the year.	Contact your childcare provider or your local council to apply for this scheme.
Universal entitlement for all 3 and 4-year-olds	From the term after they turn 3 years old through to starting school	All 3 and 4-year-olds are eligible .	15 hours per week over 38 weeks of the year. Can be combined with the working parents entitlement to make up 30 hours.	Speak to your chosen childcare provider about if they can offer a place, and take them your child's birth certificate.

WHAT PRESCHOOL CHILDCARE FUNDING INCLUDES



BEYOND THE BASICS – WHAT'S NOT FUNDED

Whilst funding supports part of your child's place, it does not cover everything. To continue offering high-quality care, we ask for a contribution towards daily essentials and extra services that help us create a warm, engaging and nurturing high quality preschool experience.

Things like:

- fresh healthy snacks
- Enrichment activities such as Forest schools, Yoga, food tasting and cooking
- Extra curricular lessons such as Supersonic Phonics and White Rose Maths
- Visits from the School Therapy Dog
- Access to the school's adventure trim trail and nature garden
- Spare clothes, wellingtons and waterproofs
- Nappies and baby wipes
- Parties and seasonal celebrations
- Parents Evenings and events
- Access to digital updates and online learning journeys as well as photographs of your child to keep.

SESSIONS AND PACKAGES

Core Package: Cost per month: £0.00

Additional hours over funded hours charged at £7.20 per hour.

- Morning session is 8.30am until 12.15pm
- Afternoon session is 11.30am until 3.15pm
- Full Day session is 8.30am until 3.15pm
- Packed lunch will be provided by you in line with our packed lunch policy
- You have chosen not to include our additional services which means your child's place does not include access to the online learning journey, healthy snacks, nappies and wipes. It also does not include Enrichment activities such as forest schools, yoga, cooking, visits from the Therapy dog and extra curricular activities such as Supersonic Phonics lessons, White Rose Math lessons, end of year parties and seasonal celebrations and activities.
- Funded places are subject to availability

SESSIONS AND PACKAGES

Enrichment Package Cost: £2 per session/ £4 full day

Additional hours over funded hours charged at £7.20 per hour

- 15 or 30 hours as per government entitlement £0.00
- Morning session 8.30am – 12.15pm
- Afternoon session 11.30am until 3.15pm
- Full day session will begin at 8.30am and finish at 3.15pm
- Packed lunch will be provided by you in line with our packed lunch policy
- Fresh healthy snacks
- Enrichment activities such as Forest schools, Yoga, food tasting and cooking,
- Extra curricular lessons such as Supersonic Phonics and White Rose Maths
- Visits from the School Therapy Dog
- Access to the school's adventure trim trail and nature garden
- Spare clothes, wellingtons and waterproofs provided when necessary
- Parties and seasonal celebrations
- Parents Evenings and events
- Access to digital updates and online learning journeys

HOW TO APPLY FOR YOUR CHILDCARE FUNDING CODE

Applying for your funding code is simple and takes around 20 minutes. Apply online at www.beststartinlife.gov.uk

Once approved, you will receive an 11 digit code (starting with 500). Please send your code and your national insurance number along with your child's date of birth to preschool@whitwickce.leics.sch.uk

- Please note that you will need to reconfirm your eligibility, before the local authority deadline, approx. every 3, months to ensure your code is kept valid
- If you apply more than 3 months before the term starts, you will need to log back in to reconfirm before the funding term begins.
- If you already use tax free childcare, you may need to wait until your reconfirmation date to apply.

Final steps - confirming your funding

About a month before your child's funded place begins, you will be required to complete a parental statement of undertaking (a PSOU). This gives us permission to claim the funding from the local authority.

We will also require a copy of your child's birth certificate.

The local authority will not release funding without a completed PSOU and a copy of the birth certificate. If these are not submitted on time, you may be responsible for covering the cost of your child's place until these documents are submitted to us.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Tax Free Childcare

Tax-free childcare can be used alongside the 15 or 30 hour funding entitlement. For every £8 you pay into a dedicated online childcare account, the government contributes an additional £2, up to a maximum of £500 every three months (£2,000 annually) per child.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

Please complete the form to allow us to check your eligibility or check the box on the PSOU form. Preschool may be able to claim additional money to support your child's education if you are currently in receipt of additional government support or if your child is "looked after" by the local authority.

Disability Access Fund (DAF)

Where a 3 or 4 year old receive disability living allowance (DLA) the nursery is eligible to apply for disability access funding. Please speak with our SENCo if you wish to discuss this.

