

# Early Years Funding and it's Application to Fees

In the term after their third birthday, every child resident in the UK becomes entitled to a free nursery place. A nursery place is defined as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks per annum in a registered facility. The government offers a set value against this and it is assessed each year against the market. If your child attends more than one setting, you can choose where to have the money spent. For example, you may use 5 of your 15 hours at a pre-school and the remaining 10 against comparative sessions of daycare. On the whole, it is better value for money to off set the funding against the more expensive setting. Funding cannot however be shared with a Nursery class in a school or an Academy

At Rum Tum Tugger's, to simplify invoices, we calculate your annual funding and off set it against 12 consecutive invoices. Funding is received three times a year and is spread as follows:

Name of Term	Months covered by Funding			
Spring	January	February	March	April
Summer	May	June	July	August
Autumn	September	October	November	December

Funding is not refundable and is only offered on a pro rata basis. If your child leaves nursery before the end of a term, their new setting can apply directly to Rum Tum Tugger's to transfer funding if the setting is also in Essex County Councils jurisdiction.

If you choose to increase your child's sessions midterm, the nursery can make a claim for additional funding on a late claim form. Sessions will be charged at list price where this is not possible and until the new phase of funding begins.

If you join the nursery mid way through a term and no previous claim has been made for that child in a setting in Essex County Council's jurisdiction, a late claim can be made.

Full details of how the government funding is calculated can be obtained from County Hall, in Chelmsford and will be shown with your claim form each term. Each setting will provide

parents with a form to complete detailing unique information about your child and offering you the preference of how to split your sessions between settings. The form remains at nursery and authenticates the application for funding that the setting makes on your behalf. Funding is paid directly to the nominated setting. Wherever possible, invoices will show the deductions made for funding each month.

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