



# FUNDING HANDBOOK

## BLUEBELL HILL & BLUEBELL BARN

This handbook has been created to explain the government funding available to families and how we offer funding at Bluebell.

You can find more information on the government website:

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)





# What is available to you?

From April 2024, eligible working families can claim:

- for a 2 year old child.... up to 15 hours of funding per week
- for a 3 or 4 year old child... up to 30 hours of funding per week

The funding can be used flexibly between one or more childcare providers. For example, you may use some of your funding with us and some with a childminder or other nursery. The funding rules require you to inform us if your child also attends another setting.

Your child will become eligible for the funding the term after their birthday. Term start dates are 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> January and 1<sup>st</sup> April.

It is your responsibility to ensure your details on your government account are kept up to date.

To find out if you are eligible, go to the government website - [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)





# Funding at Bluebell

Government funding is paid during normal school term times only (38 weeks a year) but as an all-year round nursery, we are permitted to 'stretch' the funding across the full year.

This means that families can budget for the same fees each week and are not faced with increased fees during school holiday times.

Under our stretched offer, you will receive either 11 hours (2 year olds) or 22 hours (3 & 4 year olds) of funding per week, each of the 51 weeks we are open.

To cover the cost of consumables, food and additional activities, we charge a 'Service Fee' of £2.00 for each funded hour. Your child will be provided with:

**Nappies and wipes**  
**Organic baby purees and formula**  
**Suncream**  
**All meals, snacks and drinks**

**A variety of extra-curriculum activities such as Beach School, Yoga sessions, Music and Movement sessions, French and Spanish lessons...to name a few!**

You also have the benefit of being able to: book extra sessions; sell sessions when on holiday; book your child in for an early start or late finish; receive a sibling discount if applicable.

Each child receives a Bluebell t-shirt when they start with us.

Children attending 4 or 5 full days per week are offered a holiday allowance of one full calendar week, per year





# What will I pay?

It's always handy to have some examples to help you work out your childcare costs...

Your child can claim up to 10 hours of funding in a full day session and up to 5 hours in a morning or afternoon session.

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Full Week	£315
Full Day	£70
Session	£45

FUNDING	SERVICE FEE	TOTAL TO PAY
Full Day using 10 funded hours	£2.00 x10 hours	£20.00 for day
Session using 5 funded hours	£2.00 x5 hours	£10.00 for session





# What if I do not wish to pay the Service Fee?

If you do not wish to pay the Service Fee (as set out above) then you can access our 'Fully Funded' sessions. These sessions are 8:30am to 11:30am or 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

We must stress that these sessions are offered on a first come first served basis.

Places are limited and allocated as term time only, with no guaranteed renewal for the following term.

We regret that your child cannot remain at the nursery between sessions on the same day or attend nursery outside these session times.

Under this offer, parents cannot book extra sessions, early starts or late finishes. Children can only attend during term time and places are established prior to the beginning of each school term.

Under this offer, we have decided to cover the cost of nappies, wipes, suncream, snacks, milk and additional activities as we are not in a position to store/manage supplies brought in by parents.

These session times fall outside nursery meal times and so do not include breakfast, lunch or high tea

