

EYFS – FUNDING INFORMATION

Your questions answered...



What is free early education and childcare?

All children aged three or four years old who live in England are entitled to 15 hours of free early years education or childcare per week. Some are entitled to a full 30 hours per week dependent on their eligibility. This can usually only be taken during term time – so approximately 38 weeks a year – and works out as 570 free hours per year, or 1,140 free hours every year for those entitled to the full 30 hours.

When can I take up 15 hours (universal funded entitlement) childcare for my 3-4 year old child?

15 hours is the universal part of the funded childcare offer for 3 and 4-year-olds. This means all 3 and 4-year-olds are entitled to it from the term after their third birthday. All 3 and 4 year-olds will remain entitled to 15 hours of early education per week during term time (570 hours per year), regardless of their parents' work status and earnings. **Your child's birthday tells you when they can begin their 15 hours funded childcare.**

How do I take up 15 hours childcare for my 3-4 year old child?

First, you must choose the setting you wish for your child to attend. You must agree the hours your child will attend. The setting will ask you to complete a Parent Declaration Form and a Parent Provider Agreement and give proof of your child's date of birth (through our admission's procedure). It is really important to fill out The Parent Declaration because it records your child's eligibility to a funded place. The Parent Provider Agreement sets out the days and hours you have agreed your child will be attending. **Your child can then take their place any time from the term after their third birthday.**

When would I be entitled to 30 hours (extended funded entitlement) funding?

30 hours is the extended part of the funded childcare offer for 3 and 4-year-olds. **It gives working parents** an additional 15 hours on top of the 15 that's available to everyone. This funding is aimed to help working families by reducing the cost of childcare and will support parents into work or to work more hours, should they wish to do so.

When can I take up to 30 hours childcare for my 3-4 year old child?

To check to see if you are eligible visit Childcare Choices at:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> or <https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>, if you qualify you will then be directed to the childcare service to apply. To receive this entitlement, you must register and receive your 11-digit eligibility code before the start of term.

Please apply as soon as possible to allow time for your application to be processed by the government website. If you do not have your eligibility code before the 1st of September you will not be able to access the 30 hours extended entitlement for that Autumn term. Parents must renew the code before the start of each term.

If you have already applied and received your code, please check that it does not expire before the 31st August. If it does, please log in to your account and reaffirm your eligibility.

For detailed guidance on eligibility visit: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/30-hours-free-childcare-eligibility>. Once you have received your code, please forward it to the setting along with your national insurance number and child's date of birth. We will not be able to assess your 30-hour code unless we have the above information.

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What if my circumstances change?

If your circumstances change and you are no longer eligible for the 30-hour entitlement, you will retain your funded place for a short period of time known as the 'grace period'. Your child will still be eligible for the universal 15-hour entitlement.

How long can my child receive funding and when will my child no longer be eligible for funding?

Your child can receive funding up until and including the term they turn 5 years of age. Parents cannot claim either the Universal or Extended Funded Entitlement once their child has reached compulsory school age (the term following their fifth birthday) and once they take up their school place in a reception class in school.

E.g., If your child turns 5 in May, they would receive funding for Autumn, Spring and Summer term. If your child turns 5 in September, they would only receive it for Autumn term.

Are there deadline dates of when I can claim funding?

The dates will vary and are subject to change depending on your setting's local borough. You will have to contact your setting to find out the key dates or look this up on the local borough's website.

What are the session timings at Read Academy Early Years?

AM session: **8am-11am**

PM session: **12pm-3pm**

Can I change my child's session?

Yes. However, parents/carers must inform the setting of this change giving a term's notice.

What are the additional charges that are applied at the setting?

We charge for any additional hours which fall outside of the funded entitlement hours.

(AM) 8AM – 11AM SESSION	(PM) 12PM – 3PM SESSION
Child receives funded entitlement hours	Child receives funded entitlement hours
Any additional hours ontop of your entitlement is charged at £5p/h	

Will I be charged for the lunch hour at the setting?

Both AM/PM sessions have the option of this hour with a £5 charge.

Your child has the option to bring in a packed lunch or eat hot school lunch.

How much will it cost for hot school lunches?

If you would like your child to be provided with school lunches, the cost of this will be £2.80.

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How does the funding credit/refund process work?

[Only applicable for EYFS Madinah]

All parents will be charged the school fees as normal in EYFS Madinah, funding will be applied for them and parents will receive the credit amount per term according to what they are entitled to according to their child's birthday. This credit will be issued at the end of the academic year, which can be used to pay towards the school fees for year 1 as a means of support for them through a reasonable discount.

How much credit will I receive?

Your child is entitled to free government funding up until the term your child turns 5.

CREDIT AMOUNT	
£333 – per term 15 hours funding	£666 – per term 30 hours funding

How many times a year will a provider have to verify a parents' 30-hour eligibility code?

When the parent initially comes into the setting and presents the code, this code will need to be verified by the setting. After this, it is the parents' responsibility to re-validate their code with HMRC when they are asked via an email or text from HMRC. Although the code remains the same, it needs to be validated by the parent/carer and the setting will verify this every full term in order for it to be processed.

Will my child receive the full curriculum during any (am/pm) session?

Yes, whether your child attends the AM session or the PM session, they will have access to the full curriculum.

Can my child in EYFS Madinah (formerly known as Reception) attend the setting for part time hours?

No, EYFS Madinah pupils must attend the setting full time. We believe the pupils are at a crucial stage where more time needs to be provided to enable children to establish daily routines, form strong relationships and develop a sense of attachment in a bid to prepare them prior to starting their educational journey at key stage one.

Why is the Nursery and Reception merged into one class?

One of the reasons as to why we have merged both classes is due to the fact that Reception class no longer receives funding. We have combined both classes into one. Nursery – Makkah Class and Reception – Madinah Class. This is in order to help parent/carers receive this financial support especially due to this year's events. (covid-19 pandemic).

Still need help? If you have not found the answer to your question regarding the 'Early Years Funding', please do not hesitate to contact us directly.