



Funding Information for Parents

A clear, friendly guide to help your family understand funded childcare with us

Welcome

At Golden Apples Day Nurseries, we want every family to feel confident and supported when navigating childcare funding. This guide explains the funded childcare options available, how we deliver them, and what to expect when your child joins our Golden Apples family.

Government Funding We Offer

Depending on your child's age and your family circumstances, you may be eligible for:

- **15 hours funded childcare for eligible 2-year-olds**
- **Universal 15 hours** for all 3- and 4-year-olds
- **Extended 30 hours** for eligible working families for children from 9 months
- **Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)**
- **Disability Access Fund (DAF)**

Our team is always happy to help you check eligibility and understand your options.

Stretched Funding (51 Weeks)

At Golden Apples, all funded hours are delivered on a **stretched basis**, meaning your entitlement is spread evenly across **51 weeks of the year**.

This approach provides:

- Consistent weekly hours
- Year-round childcare support
- Stable routines that help children feel secure
- A smoother experience for working families

You will be asked to sign a funding agreement each year.





Minimum Attendance Requirement

To support children's learning, wellbeing, and secure attachments:

All funded children must attend a minimum of 2 full days (8am-6pm) per week or equivalent e.g. 4 Morning sessions (8am-1pm).

This ensures children benefit fully from our curriculum, settle confidently, and build strong relationships with staff and peers.

Administration Fee

An administration fee is required to secure your child's place.

- If your child attends **funded hours only**, the fee will be **refunded in full** or credited towards any extra hours or services purchased.

If you decide not to take up the place:

- We require **6 weeks' written notice**
- The administration fee will be refunded **minus a 50% administration deduction**

This helps us manage staffing, waiting lists, and preparation for new starters.

What Funding Covers

Government funding covers **childcare only**.

It does **not** include:

- Meals
- Snacks
- Consumables (e.g. wipes, suncream)
- Extra curriculum activities
- Any hours beyond your funded entitlement

These items are charged separately at our standard nursery rates.





Attendance & Absence

To maintain your funded place:

- Regular attendance is expected
- Absences must be reported
- Funded sessions cannot be swapped or refunded if missed

This ensures we meet local authority requirements and maintain safe staffing levels.

Sharing Funded Hours

You may choose to split your funded hours between Golden Apples and another childcare provider.

We will work with the other setting to ensure everything is recorded correctly.

Support With Funding

Funding can feel confusing — but you're not alone.

Our team can help with:

- Checking eligibility
- Applying for 30-hour codes
- Renewing codes on time
- Completing funding paperwork

Please speak to a member of the team if you need support at any stage.

Our Commitment

Golden Apples Day Nurseries is committed to:

- Clear communication
- Fair and transparent processes
- High-quality early education
- A warm, playful environment where children can grow, learn, and cartwheel through their day

We're here to support your family every step of the way.

