



Golden Apples
FAMILY

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Golden Apples Funding - Cambridge

Child's Name: _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____

Funding Entitlement (15 or 30 hours): _____

Eligibility Code (If Applicable): _____

Parent/Carer NI Number (related to claim): _____

Parent/Carer Name (related to claim): _____

Parent/Carer Email Address: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

<u>FUNDED TERM</u>	TERM TIME (WEEKS)	STRETCHED (WEEKS)
SUMMER	13	21
AUTUMN	14	16
SPRING	11	13

Golden Apples funding is delivered between **8.00am and 6.00pm** on both a **Term Time** and **Stretched (all-year-round)** basis.

Cambridgeshire County Council allows stretched funding to be claimed over **50 weeks of the year**.

As Golden Apples Nurseries are open for **51 weeks each year**, this means **one week is unfunded** if you choose the **stretched funding option**.

This unfunded week is allocated at the **beginning of the Autumn term**. You will receive an email **one month in advance** asking whether you would like to book this week as **privately paid childcare**.

Please also note that **term-time bookings do not always run in line with school dates**, and the funded weeks above are allocated by the council **per term**, not according to school holidays.



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Bookable Sessions

All sessions can begin at **8am, 9am, or 1pm.**

We offer the following funded session lengths:

- 10 hours
- 7.5 hours
- 6 hours
- 5 hours
- 4.5 hours
- 3 hours

This structure gives flexibility while keeping our approach consistent across all settings. Please note that sessions cannot be combined.

Stretched 15 Hours Funding

This equates to 11.4 hours per week (570 hours per year divided by 50 weeks). Golden Apples delivers 11.5 hours per week.

Stretched 30 Hours Funding

This equates to 22.8 hours per week (1140 hours per year divided by 50 weeks). Golden Apples delivers 22.5 hours per week. (The claim is amended accordingly).

Term Time 15 Hours Funding

This equates to 15 hours per week (570 hours per year divided by 38 weeks). Golden Apples delivers 15 hours per week.

Term Time 30 Hours Funding

This equates to 30 hours per week (1140 hours per year divided by 38 weeks). Golden Apples delivers 30 hours per week.

Please note that funding is delivered in fixed sessions only. Should you wish to collect your child earlier, this is permitted; however, the full session will still be claimed as funded. Any additional hours will be charged at the standard hourly rate (please refer to the nursery price list).

Your Funding Request

Please complete the relevant boxes below to indicate the funded days and session lengths you wish to request. Please note that changing from Term Time to Stretched, or from Stretched to Term Time, is only possible at the beginning of the academic year (September). This is because your weekly entitlement is calculated across the full year.

Please Tick

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Term Time

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Stretched



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	Funded Hour Allocation	Additional Hours Required (Charged at Hourly Rate)
	8 am - 6 pm	Times Required (if applicable)
	Sessions <u>MUST START</u> from either 8 am, 9 am or 1 pm	
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday		
Thursday		
Friday		

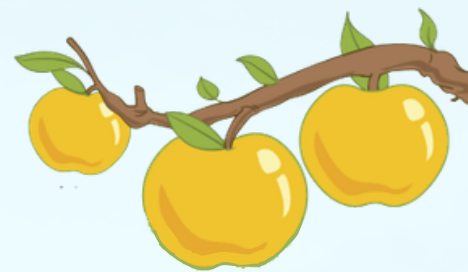
Government funding is intended to deliver 15 or 30 hours a week (term time) of free, high quality, flexible childcare, it is not intended to cover the costs of meals, other consumables, additional hours or additional services.

Please see a list of OPTIONAL Chargeable Extras below, please tick accordingly.



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Optional Extra-Curricular Activities:

These services and activities are not required as part of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

At Golden Apples, we believe in offering children opportunities that go beyond the EYFS curriculum. Research shows that enriched experiences, combined with small-group participation, support children's holistic development, helping them build confidence, develop social skills, and achieve key milestones that prepare them for future learning.

Enhanced Small-Group Activities Include:

- Seasonal experiences (Easter, Halloween, Graduation, Christmas), including nursery keepsakes
- Cultural celebrations (Diwali, Chinese New Year, Festival of Colour)
- Enrichment sessions such as Music & Movement, Yoga & Mindfulness, and Sports & Physical Skills
- Special learning experiences including outdoor exploration (Gardening & Nature Club)
- Specialist workshops designed to broaden children's experiences (Science Club, Drama & Role-Play Workshops)
- Cooking sessions

Parent / Carer Events:

- Parents' Evenings
- Family Fun Days
- Graduation Events
- Professional Photo Days
- Keepsake Craft Days

Please note: The list above provides examples and is not a full reflection of all the varied activities available to the children throughout the year. We offer a wide and ever-evolving range of experiences designed to enrich each child's nursery journey.

A separate leaflet has also been provided, offering further detail about our extra-curricular activities. This will be included with your pack for you to review at your convenience.

This service is charged per funded session:

10 Hour Session - £6.00

7.5 Hour Session - £4.50

6 Hour Session - £3.60

5 Hour Session - £3.00

4.5 Hour Session - £2.70

3 Hour Session - £1.80

If you decide to opt out, please be assured that children will continue to receive the full EYFS curriculum but will not participate in the additional activities offered as part of this service. Opt-in and opt-out choices are fixed for the term and can only be changed at the start of the following term.

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OPT IN

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OPT OUT



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Food Consumables:

At Golden Apples, we provide healthy and nutritious meals that support the rapid physical growth and developmental needs of young children. Our meals not only promote positive eating habits but also encourage social interaction and the development of communication skills during shared mealtimes.

By offering a varied and balanced menu, we introduce children to a wide range of textures, flavours, and cuisines, helping them to develop confidence and curiosity around food. We believe that early exposure to freshly prepared, wholesome meals lays the foundation for lifelong healthy eating habits.

Our food provision includes:

- Hot meals prepared by our in-house chef, including breakfast
- A wholesome mid-morning snack
- A nutritious two-course lunch
- An afternoon snack if required
- A light two-course tea

This service is charged per funded session:

10 Hour Session - £9.00

7.5 Hour Session - £6.75

6 Hour Session - £5.40

5 Hour Session - £4.50

4.5 Hour Session - £4.05

3 Hour Session - £2.70

If you choose not to opt in to this service, it is essential that you read our Food From Home Policy. This policy is available to view on our website, and a member of the management team will be happy to provide a printed copy upon request. Reviewing the policy ensures you are fully aware of the requirements for providing food from home and helps us maintain consistency and safety across all settings.

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OPT IN

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OPT OUT



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Non-Food Consumables (Not Available as an Optional Extra)

These items must be provided to the nursery in your child's bag, and all items must be clearly labelled with your child's name.

These items include:

- Nappies
- Wipes
- Nappy bags
- Cream
- Sun cream

If your child arrives without the required items, a **£20.00 fee** will be charged. This is because a member of staff will need to leave the nursery to purchase the necessary items.

Please tick to confirm that you have read and understood the above

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I Understand

A deposit (please refer to the nursery price list) is required upon enrolment to secure a place at the nursery, which is refunded once your child has started with us.

If you choose to take any additional paid hours on top of your funded entitlement, a non-refundable administration fee will apply (please refer to the nursery price list). This fee covers all administration costs and supports the delivery costs of two to three settling visits and a meeting with the manager to discuss your child's needs, interests and routines. This fee applies only to families purchasing privately paid hours.

Please note that if you decide not to take up your place after enrolling, the deposit will be retained, if four weeks notice is not provided.

Please note that any hours taken in addition to your funded entitlement, as well as meals, snacks, and any extra-curricular activities, are chargeable (please refer to the nursery price list).

If the sessions listed do not fully meet your family's needs, your Nursery Manager will be happy to discuss this with you and explore options that may be tailored to offer appropriate support.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Nursery Signature: _____ Date: _____

