



FOREST VILLAGE KINDERGARTEN

Funding Policy

2 years 15 hours funding

The government offers 15 hours free early education, for eligible families, term time only (38 weeks per year). Forest Village Kindergarten accepts this funding, but to ensure it is beneficial to the setting, we offer these hours spread out throughout 51 weeks a year (stretched offer). This means that parents can claim these hours throughout the year, totalling up at 11 hours per week.

3 and 4 Years old 15 to 30 Hours Funding

All 3 and 4-year-olds in England currently receive 15 hours a week government funded early education. If their parents are living and working in England, 3 and 4-year-olds may be entitled to 30 hours funded childcare.

If eligible you will be entitled to access the 30 hours from the beginning of the term following your child's 3rd birthday. At Forest Village Kindergarten we offer a stretched funding over 51 weeks. This means that parents can claim these hours throughout the year, totalling up at 22 hours per week.

Parent declaration and agreement for the universal 15 hour and the extended 30-hour Entitlement

Universal 15 Hours Entitlement:

Regulation for the universal 15 Hours Entitlement funding requires us to validate your child's age to confirm eligibility. If your child was born on or between the:

- 1st April and the 31st August he/she will become eligible from 1st September following his/her third birthday
- 1st September and 31st December, he/she will become eligible from 1st January following his/her third birthday
- 1st January and 31st March, he/she will become eligible from 1st April following his/her third birthday

You will be asked to provide personal information to verify this information. The setting will require to see:

- A copy of birth certificate or passport of the child.
- Both parents' National insurance numbers
- Proof of address dated within the last 3 months before claim

Extended 30 Hours Entitlement

The government only entitles parents/legal guardians who meet the eligibility requirements (e.g. income requirements) to the extended 30 Hours Free Entitlement. If you are eligible, you will need to apply for and obtain a 30hour code via your childcare service account.

Regulation requires us to validate your 30 hours code with the local authority using your child's date of birth, 30 hours code and the parents/ guardians National Insurance number and dates of births. We will give you a parental agreement form to fill out before the child is starting to validate his eligibility.

Disability Access Fund Declaration

Three-and four-year old children who receive a child Disability Living Allowance and Free Entitlement may be eligible for the Disability Access Fund (DAF). Please see <https://www.gov.uk/disability-living-allowance-children/overview>. The local authority pays DAF directly to the nursery setting as a fixed annual rate per eligible child. If applicable, please contact us for more information.

The funding will entitle your child to 22 funded hours over 51 weeks. This is funded through the LA London Borough of Merton and you are entitled to share these hours with other settings.

Once the LA have confirmed you are eligible for the 30 hours, we will offer you a place at present, we can only guarantee these funded sessions for 3 terms and will confirm the following term sessions 6 weeks in advance.

Parents can request days/sessions, we will do our best to accommodate.

Once a place has been allocated and accepted by a parent. We are unable to accept swapping days. If you require a different day, this will be chargeable.

If a child is offered a place that includes the settings normal lunch or tea times, but the parent does not want their child to have our meals, then the parent will collect the child and can return after 1 hour. We will not be allowing packed lunches to be brought to Forest Village Kindergarten due to extreme allergic reactions and lack of storage space.

Forest Village Kindergarten offers Funding only places for children who receive 30hrs funding. If you receive only 15 hrs funding there will be additional cost. Please see below table for only Funding places, which are limited to the setting. Any additional hours or days will be charged. Any hours not taken will be lost as we are unable to carry these hours over to other days or next term.

Funding Only Places	2 days	3 days	4 days
30 hrs (22 hrs per week at FVK)	Two full days	Seasonal day 9am to 4pm	4 half session (either 8am to 1pm or 12.30 to 5.30)

Consumable charge

There is a consumable charge for each session which takes into consideration the following Top up fee of £5 per session:

Breakfast, Snacks; drinks; fresh fruit; wipes; higher than required staff ratios; higher than requires staff qualifications; BSL training, staff Paediatric first aid training, photographs, and all non-reusable resources such as paper, paint, toiletries, ECT.

Meals

£2.50 per meal, Forest Village Kindergarten is offering Lunch and Tea.