

How We Offer Funded Childcare

At Magic Steps Nursery, we offer both 15-hour and 30-hour funding, which is provided through the local authority.

The 15-hour funding is available for all 3- and 4-year-olds (from the term after their third birthday) and for eligible 2-year-olds receiving support (from the term after their second birthday)

The 30-hour funding is available for working families who meet the government's criteria. To check your eligibility please visit www.beststartinlife.gov.uk

Funding is allocated for 38 weeks of the year, but to make this more manageable for families, we stretch the funded hours across the full year. This allows parents to benefit from consistent, regular hours each week.

If you would prefer the funding spread over 38 weeks (term time only), please speak to a member of the management team.

Funding	Who is eligible	Number of sessions provided	Weeks offered per year	Session times offered
15 hours 2-year-olds receiving support	§ Term after second birthday	3	50	AM 9.00am - 1.00pm
	§ Families in receipt of certain benefits. To check eligibility, visit www.beststartinlife.gov.uk			PM 1.00pm - 5.00pm
15 hours 3- & 4-year-olds	§ Term after third birthday	3	50	AM 9.00am - 1.00pm
	§ All 3- & 4-year-olds irrespective of income levels, benefit status or family circumstances			PM 1.00pm - 5.00pm
30 hours 9 months - 4 years	§ Term after baby turns 9 months	5	52	AM 8.30am - 1.00pm
	§ Working families. To check eligibility, visit www.beststartinlife.gov.uk			PM 1.00pm - 5.30pm

Extra Sessions

If you require your child to attend the nursery outside of the funded sessions, you will be charged accordingly at the current standard rate.

Please note that funded sessions are not offered back-to-back. For more information, please speak to the nursery manager.