



Funding Policy, February 2025

At Emma's Angels Day Nursery Ltd we offers a wide range of funding options for our families. We want to make sure that families use their funding to its full potential.

Families are able to maximise their funded childcare by using up to 10 hours of funding a day before purchasing additional hours and without any artificial break in the day.

As an all-year-round childcare provider we stretch the early years Funding across 51 weeks, enabling families whose child is registered part time to access more of the funded hours than they would otherwise be able to if we used the restricted term time structure.

We do not offer the funding within the main nursery term time only.

Stretch effect

- 15 hours of funded childcare over 38 weeks (term time) equates to 570 funded childcare hours a year. Under our stretched offer this equates to 11.18 hours of funded childcare a week over 51 weeks of the year.
- 30 hours of funded childcare over 38 weeks (term time) equates to 1,140 funded childcare hours a year. Under our stretched offer this equates to 22 hours of funded childcare a week over 51 weeks of the year.

Information on all the Early Years Funding eligibility criteria can be found here: <http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

If your children is starting part way through the year, the funding is allocated on a pro rata basis. The full funding allowance begins in September and is split into 3 terms, Spring, Autumn and Winter.

Consumable, Specialist teaching and Extra's.

Early Years Funding is intended to cover the delivery of childcare only. It does not cover the cost of meals and snacks, consumables, additional services, additional hours or specialist teaching.

To cover costs not included in the Early Years Funding we charge a consumable and specialist teaching fee per day or half day, this is detailed on your Nursery contract.

We are mindful of the potential impact of the consumables and specialist teaching fee has on our parents and will consider reducing or waiving the charge, allowing parents to supply their own consumables or reduce or waive the cost of meals.

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This will be at the discretion of the owner on a case-by-case basis. When exercising this discretion, the following circumstances will be taken into consideration: -

1. Receipt (current or previous) of Support 2-year-old funding
2. Receipt (current or previous) of EYPP
3. Receipt (current or previous) of a means tested benefit
4. Any other extenuating circumstances

Emma's Angels does not allow families to bring their own food (such as packed lunches) into the nursery to avoid allergen risks and storage/handling issues. We have nowhere to store them.

However, under extreme circumstances for those families who are unwilling or unable to pay for the meals and snacks or consumables the following circumstances will apply.

- All breakfast ingredients including cereal, bread, milk, margarine or butter will need to be provided each morning the child attends the session. A list of the allergens in each of the products will need providing and the food will need to be provided in line with our healthy eating policy.
- The morning and afternoon snack will need to be cut up, prepared and provided, ready to eat – cut up in line with national food safety standards and our dietary requirements and provided each session the child is in.
- A packed lunch which will need to be brought to the setting at 11.25am ready for lunch and 3.25pm ready for tea, prepared in line with national and local standards and that meets the needs the dietary requirements of all our children (i.e no nuts). We will also require a full list of any of the allergens in the packed lunch each session the child is in, so that we can store it in our food hygiene file for Environmental health.
- All nappies, wipes and nappy bags will need to be provided for your child, and the dirty nappy will be sent home for you to dispose of after each session.
- You will not receive access to our web cam service.
- Access to babysdays will be limited.

Our consumables charge covers things like, nappies, wipes, nappy bags, web cam, nappy disposal, babysdays, PPE, visits from places such as lion learner, trips and outings.

Our meal charge covers breakfast, two snacks, lunch and a light tea.

Our specialist teaching charge covers things like: Forest schools, Debutots, Science, French, Football, Art classes.

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Types of Early Years Funding

9 months to a term after your child is 3 years old.

From September 2024 a child, a term after they are 9 months old will be entitled to 570 of funded hours a year as long as they have working parents.

You can usually qualify for 15 hours of funded childcare if both the following apply:

- You earn at least £8,670 a year and less than £100,000 a year adjusted net income, which is your income after some tax reliefs and deductions
- If you're a couple, you'll both need to earn between these amounts

Universal Three- and- Four-year-old Funding

All three- and four-year-olds are entitled to 570 funded childcare hours a year. Regulation requires us to validate your child's age. Parents will need to provide evidence of a child's birth date (normally a passport or birth certificate) and copies will be taken and retained as evidence of compliance.

Working Families Funding

Working Families Funding is for qualifying working parents with a child aged 2, 3 or 4 years old. A child will be entitled to 570 funded hours a year from the term after they have attained the relevant age and the eligibility criteria, set by the government, has been met.

Parents must apply for a positive determination of eligibility from HMRC via Childcare Service Account i.e. a valid eligibility code. This eligibility code must be provided to us by completing the funding form we will email you on adobe, before the Early Years Funding can be claimed. The parent is responsible for re-validating the eligibility code every three months when reminded by HMRC. Failure to do so may result in the Working Families Funding being withdrawn.

Parent Declaration Form

Regulation requires childcare providers to enter into a separate funding agreement with parents, called the Parent Declaration Form. Emma's Angels has a standard Nursery Agreement covering all its childcare services and terms and conditions and a separate Parental Declaration Form provided from the local authority, covering the Early Years Funding, both of which must be signed by parents. We will email you these through adobe. We also use a standard contract on babysdays, we use this to confirm the sessions you are contracted to using all three documents in partnership.

Local authority role

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Each childcare provider enters into an agreement with the local authority to provide the Early Years Funding. The local authority pays the childcare provider directly for the Funded Childcare it provides for children who are eligible. The parents of the eligible children do not have access to, or the right to access, the Early Years Funding paid by the local authority.

Other types of funding

Special Educational Needs (SEN) Funding

Every local authority has a SEN inclusion fund to support providers in meeting the needs of individual child with SEN. SEN funding is paid directly to the provider by the local authority. When deciding on the value of SEN funding, the Local authority must consider the number of children with SEN in the local area, their level of need, and the overall capacity of the local childcare market to support these children.

Emma's Angels will use SEN funding to support your child with any learning and developmental delay or special educational needs or disability by accessing specialist resource and equipment.

Disability Access Funding (DAF)

DAF is available to support 3- and 4-year-olds in receipt of Disability Living Allowance and Universal Funding. Local authorities are responsible for checking that the DAF eligibility criteria are met. It is a one-off annual payment directly to the provider. If the child changes provider during the year, the DAF will remain with the original provider. If a child attends more than one provider, then the parent must allocate the DAF to one provider. This funding cannot be shared across providers.

Emma's Angels will use any DAF to support making reasonable adjustments/adaptations to enable the child to have equal access to the provision in the same way as any other child or for resource that will be beneficial to the child.

Emma's Angels will liaise with the child's parents and engage with any relevant professionals to ensure that DAF is spent appropriately.

Where we have more than one child accessing DAF we may use the money for all children to support an adjustment or purchase resource that will benefit more than one child.

Any resources purchased as part of DAF remain the property of Emma's Angels and can be used to support future children to access the provision.

DAF will not be used for additional staffing costs.

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

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EYPP is additional funding that Emma's Angels can claim to help improve outcomes of eligible children. The local authority pays the EYPP directly to the provider.

EYPP is available to support 3- and 4-year-olds whose parents meet the eligibility criteria and are in receipt of Universal Funding. Local authorities are responsible for checking that the EYPP eligibility criteria are met.

Eligibility criteria can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/get-extra-early-years-funding>

Emma's Angels will use EYPP funding to support positive impacts on your child's development.

Our Funded Sessions

Our sessions are based on our business being as cost effective as accessible for families. We do not provide term-time only sessions within the main nursery and therefore do not allocate our funding term time only.

Our terms are a minimum of 2 sessions per week for each child.

Our 7.30-1 or 1-6 sessions can be taken fully funded, subject to the specialist teaching fee/consumables charge where funding allows it.

Our 7.30am-6pm days – you can use no more than 10 hours per day of funding; therefore 0.5 hours will need to be paid for as part of the this session.

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