



Statement of Funding Offer

At YMCA Childcare we offer Early Education funded places for eligible children aged 9 months plus. We aim to do this in a flexible and family friendly way.

YMCA Childcare follow's local authority early education guidance for funding.

Working family funding

If you are a working family you may be eligible for 30 hours of funding per week from the term after your child is 9 months of age. Funding can be used during term time (38 weeks) or with a stretched funding offer over the whole year (51 weeks). The 30 hours eligibility code must be obtained within a certain period, before the term you wish to use the funding. It is the parents/carers responsibility to ensure that eligibility is reconfirmed during each eligibility period.

Universal funding

Some children may be eligible for 2 year old funding the term after they turn 2 if a set criteria is met.

All children who are 3 and 4 years old are entitled to early education funding from the term after they turn 3. The entitlement is 15 funded hours per week for 38 weeks of the year and can be used during term time (38 weeks) or with a stretched funding offer over the whole year (51 weeks). Funding is available up until your child enters reception school age.

If eligible, funding can be claimed the term after your child turns 2 or 3 years of age.

Child's birthday

1 January to 31 March

1 April to 31 August

1 September to 31 December

When you can claim

The beginning of term on or after 1 April

The beginning of term on or after 1 September

The beginning of term on or after 1 January

We advise you to speak to the setting Childcare Manager or Deputy Childcare Manager if you have any queries about eligibility and how to claim for funding. We also advise you to use the 'Childcare Choices' Government website. www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to check eligibility for funding.

At YMCA Childcare we operate a variety of session times, from a minimum of 3 hour sessions to full day sessions. Early years funding can be used across all of our advertised sessions (as set out on our fees structure) and can be used during term time or with a stretched funding offer of up to 51 weeks per year. Stretched funding offers can only be used at our all year round settings. Please note that each of our YMCA Childcare settings has a different fees structure and may operate different session times.



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If you choose to use your funding with YMCA Childcare you will be asked to complete a parent authorisation form and provide a copy of your funding eligibility (if required) along with your child's birth certificate, passport or European identity card in order for us to claim funding from the local authority.

Stretched funded offers are calculated either termly or yearly and a copy of the agreement is given to you to agree and sign.

You may choose to share your funding with another setting, of which you will need to let us know and document on the parent authorisation form. YMCA Childcare will work collaboratively with other settings that your child attends.

Additional Charges

No registration fee is required for funded children.

If you require more hours than your early years funded entitlement, we offer additional chargeable sessions. Additional sessions are charged at our advertised fee's rate (as set out in our fees structure). All fees are invoiced monthly and are payable in advance. Please see our fees policy and terms and conditions for further information.

YMCA Childcare provides optional meals (breakfast, lunch and tea) for an additional charge. Please see fees structure for more information.

We ask for a voluntary contribution which allows us to provide a variety of healthy, nutritious snacks during morning and afternoon sessions. We kindly request a voluntary contribution of:

- Up to 15 hours funding: £15 per term
- 16 to 30 hours funding: £30 per term

You will be contacted before each term and are able to opt out of paying the consumable fee. The fee will be added to our invoicing system and invoiced out to the bill payer on the account. The consumables fee is entirely voluntary, and no child will be excluded from receiving snacks if you decide to opt out of paying.

For dual placement children where an agreement has been made for mid-day collection, a charge is payable.

There is a late collection fee charged per 10 minutes.



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If a Grant Funded place at another setting, a place in a school nursery or school is accepted by you before head count day, whilst your child is still attending YMCA Childcare, it is understood that you will be accountable for the cost of the sessions that have been attended by your child, that YMCA Childcare are unable to claim for.

For grant funded children an invoice will be issued for any additional hours and extras in addition to the grant funded hours. Grant funded hours will be shown on the invoice as zero payment needed.

Please refer to our fees policy and terms and conditions for any additional information.