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## Early Years Funding at ACE Day Nursery

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 until the end of the summer 2024 term

### Two year olds

From April 2024, some two year olds are eligible for the working families expanded entitlement to 15 hours of early years funding over 38 weeks of the year. An eligibility code is required and the Department for Education has set deadline dates for applications to [Childcare Choices](#) for entitlement. A code must be issued by Childcare Choices before the start of the funding period the parent wishes to use the entitlement. Please let ACE have that code as soon as you have it.

A child must be two years of age by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 in order to be eligible for the two year old funding for the summer term 2024.

If eligible, the expanded entitlement can be used to cover some of your child's nursery fees at ACE Day Nursery.

For eligible children attending four or five days per week, the first 12.6 hours per week of the summer term 2024 are covered by funding and the balance of hours attended are charged at £7.80 per hour.

For eligible children attending 3 days per week, the first 12.6 hours per week of the summer term 2024 cost £0.40 per hour and the balance of hours attended are charged at £8.40 per hour.

For eligible children attending 2 days per week, the first 12.6 hours per week of the summer term 2024 cost £1.08 per hour and the balance of hours attended are charged at £9.08 per hour.

Early Years Funding cannot be used to pay for extra days at ACE Day Nursery.

At the start of the term in which your child becomes eligible to receive the expanded entitlement, you will be asked to complete a Cambridgeshire County Council Parent/Carer Declaration Form in order to claim your child's funding. We need to see proof of date of birth e.g. your child's birth certificate or passport. This will enable us to claim the funding on your behalf. The money is then paid directly to ACE Day Nursery and will reduce your child's fees.

At the start of each term, parents should commit to a pattern of funded hours for the whole term. Increases in hours of attendance may not be funded part way through the term. Fees will be charged for any additional hours taken. There is no requirement to transfer the funding between childcare providers once the funding declaration form has been agreed. If you know that you will be moving providers mid-term, this should be reflected in the funding declaration forms with each provider. Extra days booked will need to be paid for on or before the day as normal.

Parents are responsible for re-confirming their eligibility codes regularly to keep them valid.