

The Early Years Entitlement Funding Policy 2019/20

So that all our families are able to access our provision we have agreed to adopt and work in Partnership with the Somerset Code of Practice for Early Years.

Entitlements

Somerset offers a maximum of 570 hours per year of Early Years Entitlement (EYE) for some two year olds and all three and four year olds. There are also a further 570 hours available to three and four year olds for qualifying families. These can be accessed flexibly in our setting and throughout 51 weeks of the year. The stretched offer affords you more flexibility and aims to support a working family life.

There is no minimum entitlement per day but the maximum hours per week that may be claimed is 15 hours for qualifying two year olds and all three and four year olds. For those families qualifying for the additional entitlement, the maximum amount of hours which can be claimed each week is 30.

Taunton School Pre-Prep and Nursery are able to pass on the Early Years Funding Formula base rate worth £4.15 an hour, to be reviewed in April 2021. This is your free funding entitlement, free to all parents at the point of delivery.

Our Nursery model is sessional and the free funding can be accessed from 7.30am until 5.45pm. We do require a deposit of £750 which is returned if your child progresses through to Taunton Preparatory School Year 3.

Our hourly charge/rate is slightly more than the funded allocation as we have swimming teachers, specialist music staff, qualified teachers in all EYFS rooms and specialist facilities which the children use. Our hourly rate also includes lunch, snacks and tea. You will be charged extra for this provision and for the use of the facilities. Before and after school care is free of charge for all pupils.

In order to claim the EYF, we will require additional information from you plus a completed Parent Declaration form.

Flexibility

If your child attends another setting as well as Taunton School, you can split the hourly entitlement funding. The maximum numbers of providers/settings you can attend at any one time is two.

Parents

Securing the best possible outcomes for your children means delivering an entitlement and Early Years Provision of the highest quality, flexible, accessible and gives you, the parent /carer choices which are best for you and your family.

Somerset County Council provides lots of information and guidance to help you make an informed choice. More information is available online at www.somersetfid.co.uk There is also a local rate helpline 0845 345 9122.

We also have information leaflets, please ask Sarah Launchbury, our Admissions Registrar on 01823 703339.

Complaints Procedure

Parents who are not satisfied that their child has been able to access their Early Years Entitlement should raise their concerns initially with Mrs Louise Leah, Head of Pre-Prep and Nursery, however you can also ask the local Government Ombudsman to investigate your complaint further.

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We are pleased to be part of the Early Years Entitlement Scheme and this document should be read in conjunction with the Taunton School Fees Policy, Terms and Conditions and registration requirements.

Louise Leah

Head of Nursery and Pre-Prep

16th March 2020 -Reviewed and updated reflecting the new EYF rate for 2020/2021.

To be reviewed and updated annually – 2013, August 2014, August 2015, August 2016, August 2017, August 2018

Or as required by Government legislation and according to Somerset Code of Practice.