

## The Early Years Entitlement Funding Policy 2023/24

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 £4.65 per hour for the academic year 2023/24. 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](http://www.somersetfid.co.uk) There is also a local rate helpline 0845 345 9122.

We also have information leaflets, please ask the TPPS office on 01823 703339 or [tppsadmissions@tauntonschool.co.uk](mailto:tppsadmissions@tauntonschool.co.uk).

## **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 Miss Becky Lewis, Head of Pre-Prep and Nursery, however you can also ask the local Government Ombudsman to investigate your complaint further.

LGO  
PO Box 4771  
Coventry  
CV4 0EH

Advice line: 0300 061 0614

[www.lgo.org.uk](http://www.lgo.org.uk)

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.

**Becky Lewis**

**Head of Nursery and Pre-Prep**

To be reviewed and updated annually or as required by Government legislation and according to Somerset Code of Practice.