

Is there any flexibility for children with Special Educational Needs?

Yes. Bath and North East Somerset Council recognises that some children with special educational needs may require additional support during their early education sessions. Please ask to see our Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCo).

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to one of our nursery staff or reception. We are happy to answer any questions you may have.



How will it appear on an invoice?

At First Steps (Bath), we claim the funding directly from Bath and North East Somerset Council and this is shown on your weekly or monthly invoice as 'Early Years Entitlement'.



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Early Years Entitlement (EYE) at First Steps (Bath)



What is the Early Years Entitlement (EYE)?

The Early Years Entitlement is Government funding for children aged 3 – 4 years.

From 1st September 2009 parents will have the option of choosing either:

Option 1

12 hours per week all year round - exclusively offered by First Steps (Bath).



Option 2

15 hours per week for term time only.

Requirements

Your child can attend for a minimum of 2.5 hours a day and then in hourly blocks up to a maximum of 10 hours per day.

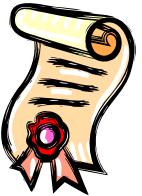
To obtain the full entitlement you will need to spread the hours over **at least 3 days**

Important facts about (EYE)

- Any additional hours will be charged at the full rate.
- If First Steps (Bath) is closed on days when the Early Years Entitlement would normally be available e.g. on a bank holiday or staff training day, no replacement days will be offered.
- All children become eligible for funding at the start of the term **AFTER** their third birthday.

A child born between:	Will be eligible for EYE
1st January and 31st March	At the start of the Summer term following their 3rd birthday
1st April and 31st August	At the start of the Autumn term following their 3rd birthday
1st September and 31st December	At the start of the Spring term following their 3rd birthday

Claiming EYE



- We must have seen and taken a copy of your child's Birth Certificate, either when you first fill in an admission form or when your child turns 3, in order to claim EYE.
- You will be asked to sign an agreement stating which option you would like to choose when your child turns 3 and then annually.
- Every year we are required to complete a headcount form in January, April and September for all children that are eligible for EYE funding. You must sign the headcount form and inform us of any changes to your child's hours or if your child attends any other setting to ensure that your child receives the correct funding.



What happens during the holidays?

If you chose option 1: Your child will receive EYE all year round (including all school holidays).*



If you chose option 2: Before every school holiday you must complete a form at reception to confirm that you still require your child's place for the following term. Full fees will be charged if your child attends in the holidays.



If you child regularly attends more than the EYE hours per week: You will be required to pay for these additional hours during the holidays even if your child does not attend.

* exclude First Steps (Bath) Christmas shutdown, 3 staff training days per year, bank holidays and any other closures needed for essential maintenance.