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Funding and Charges

First Steps Bath

Universal Early Years Entitlement (EYE)

The Government provides 570 hours of early education per year for all 3 and 4-year-olds
children the term after their 3rd birthday. Funding is split equally into the traditional 3 academic terms September-December, January-March, April-August, which cannot be
carried forward. At First Steps, we offer parents the option to stretch the 15 hours a week for 38 weeks to 51 weeks all year round, which is rounded to 11 hours a week; this cannot be changed mid-term. We will claim this Universal funding on your behalf.

Working Family Early Years Entitlement Funding for children aged 9 months plus

Working parents of 9-month-olds up to school age will be able to access up to 30 hours of Early Years Entitlement (38 weeks a year) from the term after their child reaches the age of 9 months. This can be stretched over 51 weeks all year round, which is rounded to 22 hours a week; this cannot be changed mid-term. Parents have to apply for this here

Early Learning for 2 Year old's

If you receive certain benefits or receive Disability Living Allowance for your child, or if your child has a current statement of special education needs (SEN) or an education, health, and care (EHC) plan. You may be eligible for 15 hours of funded childcare over 38 weeks or 11 hours stretched over 51 weeks. You can apply here

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) and Deprivation Supplement

This is additional funding for early years providers to improve outcomes for children by providing them with enhanced learning and development support. This means that for children from low-income families accessing the Universal Early Education Entitlement (EYE) or Working Family funding, providers are entitled to receive additional funding of up to £980 per year. We will work in partnership with you to carefully consider the learning and development needs of your child. We can automatically check if your child is eligible if you, as a parent/carer, provide your date of birth and National Insurance number. By providing this, you permit us to check your eligibility.

Other funding

To identify if you are entitled to any other funding, such as
Tax-Free Childcare, Childcare Tax Credits, please visit Best Start in Life

Snacks and Lunch

Meals are chargeable for children attending Nursery and only using their Early Years Entitlement. Our healthy snacks are charged at £0.90 each for both morning and afternoon tea. We also provide a nutritious 2 course lunch for £3.40 if your child attends lunchtime, unless you opt to provide a packed lunch and snacks.

Free Meals

As a charity, we can offer families on low income free meals if your child is eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium. We can check if you are eligible with your National Insurance number and date of birth. We fundraise to provide this service.

Sibling Discount

There is a 15% discount on childcare fees, excluding meals for second or further children, which will be applied to the younger child.
Please refer to our 'Terms and Conditions for Payment of Fees at First Steps Nurseries' for a full breakdown of our charges. All our charges are reviewed annually.

Trips and Events

From time to time, we arrange events, trips and special activities. These enriching experiences fall outside the scope of the EYFS framework and are not funded by the Government. However, we believe that every child should have the opportunity to participate, regardless of their circumstances; therefore, we raise additional funds or invite voluntary contributions from families.
We are proud to offer an inclusive, high-quality provision that supports each child's unique learning journey.

We'll always communicate clearly about optional charges and funding initiatives that support access and inclusion.