

WHITLEY CHAPEL CE FIRST SCHOOL  
FUNDED ENTITLEMENT FOR 3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS

## 1 Eligibility of Children

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All children are eligible to receive 570 hours of 3 and 4 year old free entitlement funding, over at least 38 weeks of the year, from the start of the term following their third birthday.

Children who are eligible to receive the extended entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds can receive 1140 hours, over at least 38 weeks of the year, from the start of the term following their third birthday. Parents/Carers must provide a 30 hour eligibility code which is the child's unique 11 digit number. A parent can only access their entitlement to the additional hours the term after their eligibility has been established, ie a parent who is confirmed eligible in October cannot access their additional hours until the following January.

## 2 Provision of Funded Entitlement

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Whitley Chapel CE First School is able to offer high quality provision, delivering the full Early Years Foundation Stage for the full hours of a child's entitlement over a period of 39 weeks, a total of 570 hours or for extended entitlement 1140 hours. School is open for 190 days each academic year and teacher training days and bank holidays count as school holidays. The free early years' entitlement for a 5 day week is 15 hours and for a 4 day week 12 hours. Extended entitlement for a 5 days week is 30 hours and for a 4 day week is 24 hours.

If parents choose to take holidays or children are ill when they should receive their entitlement, the school is unable to offer the missed hours at an alternative time due to staffing arrangements and costs.

## 3 Nursery Hours

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We offer a total of 30 funded Nursery hours per week, from 8.00am until 3.30 pm, Monday to Thursday, and parents can choose sessions from this. There is no Nursery on a Friday. We have 3 funded sessions each day, as follows:

Early Nursery – From 8 am until 9.00am. Breakfast can be provided if required. If breakfast is taken, there will be a charge of £1 per day. Children do not HAVE to have breakfast if they attend Early Nursery, as we know some children may have had breakfast already at home, but please do let us know either way so we can plan (and charge) accordingly.

Morning Nursery – From 9.00am until 12 noon/ 12.30 pm. If children are not attending the afternoon session that day, they can be picked up at 12 noon if they are not having

lunch, and at 12.30 pm if they are staying for lunch. If children are staying all day, they will go out to play between 12.30 pm and 1 pm with the rest of the school.

Afternoon Nursery – From 1.00pm until 3.15 pm/ 3.30 pm. Funded hours run until 3.30 pm, but children may be picked up at 3.15 pm if parents prefer, which is the end of the 'normal' school day and the time other children go home.

In addition to our provision of 30 funded hours of education, we can also offer one additional hour of childcare per day, from 3.30 pm until 4.30 pm, at the cost of £5 for the hour. Children staying for this after-school provision will receive a snack, and the cost of this is included in the £5 charge.

You can pay your food and additional childcare bills at the end of each half term (you will be billed accordingly), or you can 'pay as you go' on a session-by-session or weekly basis.

Here are some examples of options you might take and the number of hours that entails:

Normal 'school day' from 9.00am - 3.15 pm/ 3.30 pm = 6.25 hours/ 6.5 hours

Full funded entitlement day from 8 am until 3.30 pm = 7.5 hours

Morning only session from 9 am until 12 noon = 3 hours (or 3.5 hours if staying for lunch, until 12.30 pm)

Afternoon session only from 1 pm until 3.15 pm/ 3.30 pm = 2.25 hours/ 2.5 hours

Early session plus morning session from 8 am until 12 noon/ 12.30 pm = 4 hours (or 4.5 hours if staying for lunch)

Please be aware that the sessions your child takes must be within their funded weekly allocation, whether that is 15 or 30 hours, and that if you are sharing your provision with another setting, you will need to ensure the sessions you take at Whitley Chapel are no more than the amount of hours you have told us you are allocating to our setting. Children who are only entitled to 15 hours of funded provision may 'buy' additional hours at a cost of £5 per hour. The option of buying additional hours is also available to those who are sharing provision and have already 'used up' their funded allocation across both settings. The after-school hour from 3.30pm until 4.30 pm cannot be allocated to any funded hours, as our funded allocation is only between 8 am and 3.30 pm. Additional hours will be billed at the end of each half term, or you can 'pay as you go', as with food bills.