



## FUNDING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

### **FREE EARLY EDUCATION : 3 - 4 YEAR OLD FUNDING, DAYCARE (Orange Room)**

The term after their third birthday, all children can access up to 15 funded hours per week under the 3-4 Year Old Free Place Scheme. The funded sessions are available between 9am-12pm or 1-4pm. Anything outside these hours is chargeable at our hourly rate. These funded sessions are available during term-time only. During holidays, full fees are payable. You will need to complete a Parent Declaration form to sign every term, which we will give you at the appropriate time.

You may also be eligible for an additional 15 hours childcare if you meet the criteria (please see our website – [oeyc.herts.sch.uk](http://oeyc.herts.sch.uk)). There is a maximum of 6 funded hours per day. We can only offer the full 30 hours in the Orange Room if your child is already doing 30 hours in the previous term as it is unlikely we will have availability to increase days. However, you do not have to use the whole 30 hours eg. if your child does 3 days per week with us you would use 18 funded hours. It may be possible to stretch the 30 hour funding into the school holidays (8-6 sessions only). Please ask in the office if you need further information.

Please note that spaces are subject to availability.

### **FREE EARLY EDUCATION : 2 YEAR FUNDING**

Some children are entitled to 2 year old funding from the term after their second birthday; if they meet certain criteria (see below).

You should receive a letter from Herts County Council if you are likely to be eligible and there is an online eligibility checker on [hertsdirect.org.uk](http://hertsdirect.org.uk). If you need further information or assistance with this please enquire at your local children's centre or ask for help at the OEYC office. If you are eligible you will be given a unique reference number that you will need to give to the office in order to access the funding. You will need to complete a Parent Declaration form which must be signed every term. We will give you this at the appropriate time.

Please note that spaces are subject to availability and are in line with our Daycare Admissions Policy. The free sessions are available for the 8-1 or 1-6 sessions in the Orange Room. Spaces are limited and at the discretion of the Directors.

2 year funding eligibility does not guarantee you a place but we will do our best to accommodate your child.

Criteria for 2 year funding (correct as at March 2019)

- income support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit – if you and your partner have a combined income from work of less than £15,400 a year after tax
- tax credits and you have an annual income of under £16,190 before tax
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- support through part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act
- the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

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