



## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**



### **WHAT DOES FREE ENTITLEMENT FUNDING INCLUDE AND EXCLUDE?**

Funding is provided for all children to access standard nursery provision only. As a setting we must use this to effectively deliver the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) curriculum. This includes small world figures, Role play, Dolls, Cars and trucks, Trains and tracks, Aprons, Sand and water, Pencils and crayons, Glue, Paper and card, Puzzles, Books, Loose parts, Construction bricks, Craft supplies, Sand and Water and enough staff to meet the minimum statutory ratio guidelines set out by the Government.

We have an additional charge (see Fee and Charges list) this covers everything in addition to the delivery of the EYFS (as mentioned above). This includes all the extra experiences we offer within our professional delivery throughout the year:

- All Meals (Morning Snack, Nutritious lunch to include meal with a starter or a dessert, Evening meal), Milk to drink (substitutes for Dietary/Allergy requirements)
- Walks within the community and on the farm,
- Gardening including Seeds, Bird Feeders, Gardening equipment and education by a qualified gardening specialist
- Woodland School with designated classroom and shelters, resources and education delivered by qualified Woodland Leaders
- Cooking sessions, including all ingredients and packaging for items to come home, Baking & Cooking supplies and equipment
- Large scale outdoor activities such as, potion making, pumpkin carving, obstacles course, Sports day, Daily Puffin Run and Sponsored Activities,
- Christmas parties, celebrations and a visit from Father Christmas
- Graduation ceremony with photographs and certificates
- Seasonal and leaving parties throughout the year
- Sensory Room including equipment and simulation, Disco lights & LED light strips, Bubble lamps and other science-based equipment, Dark tent for sensory activities.
- Sensory Play (with food items) activities both indoors and outdoors, with food items provided
- Paddling pool play, tents and resources
- Small group phonic lessons as appropriate to each child's needs and readiness.

We further enhance a child's experiences by the following:

- Specially equipped gymnasium giving children opportunities to take daily calculated risks in a safe, well resources and challenging environment
- Visiting the onsite farm, meeting the local farmer (Farmer Bennett) and meeting the animals
- Animal care sessions and egg collection/incubation
- Qualified Woodland Leaders to lead sessions in our fully equipped and spacious Woodland schools including campfires and den building, zip wire and simple survival skills
- Our extensive, spacious grounds and play areas allowing for unlimited opportunities
- Sensory toys and equipment
- Spare puddle suits and equipment for wet, messy and woodland experiences
- Illuminated drawing boards and wide range of up-to-date nursery resources
- External training providers sourced to deliver high quality experiences (Woodland, Story Telling)
- Large Interactive screen and cameras
- Outings within the community eg Debutots. For short Coach journeys (Farm Park, Theatre & Three Counties show) separate charges for these journeys and tickets may apply

## **WHAT IS ‘STRETCHED FUNDING’?**

The funding is allocated from the Local Authority for 38 weeks only (Term time only), making the total annual funding as:

38 weeks x15 hours = 570 hours or 38 weeks x 30 hours = 1140 hours

Worcester Early Years Centre is open for 50 weeks of the year therefore the funding must be stretched to allow for this. This equates to 15 hours stretched is 11.25 and 30 hours stretched is 22.5 hours per week: See table below

Term	Dates of Funding term	Total weeks per term	Maximum Total hours per term claimed by MEYC (no. of weeks x 10 hrs funding)	Maximum Total hours per term claimed by MEYC (no. of weeks x 21 hrs funding)
<b>Autumn</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> September-31 <sup>st</sup> December	17 weeks	191.25	382.50
<b>Spring</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> January – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	13 weeks	146.25	292.50
<b>Summer</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> August	20 weeks	225	450

## **HOW WILL MY “FREE ENTITLEMENT” FUNDING POSITIVELY IMPACT MY FEES?**

Your funded hours and any additional hours will be clearly displayed on your monthly invoice, plus a full list of our optional ‘consumables’ charge.

## **WHEN CAN I USE MY FUNDING ENTITLEMENT?**

You may use your funded hours any day of the week between the hours of 8am & 6pm.

Maximum hours available are:

22.5 hours of free childcare

11.25 hours of free childcare

Any hours over the above funded allocation remain payable to the centre at the daily rate stipulated on the Fees and Charges list.

## **CAN I ‘BANK’ MY UNUSED FUNDED HOURS TO USE LATER?**

No, the funding must be used within the term that the hours apply. Any unused hours can be used against any extra sessions booked if there are enough funded hours.

## **WHEN WILL THE ‘ENRICHMENT’ ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE?**

These enhanced experiences of enrichment activities are held daily. Across the month all activities will be delivered to support children who attend on different days.

## **DO I HAVE TO PAY ANY OF THE ADDITIONAL CHARGES? (meals, consumables, additional services & admin)**

No, these charges are voluntary, but if you wish for your child to participate in any of these activities you must provide all the resources to allow your child to take part. A list of all ingredients/resources/kit required will be available.

It is hoped that all our parents will be supportive to the Centre and its traditions of excellence by supporting these charges.

## HOW ARE THE ADDITIONAL CHARGES BROKEN DOWN AND IN RECEIPT OF **9 MONTH PLUS** FUNDING?

These charges will be split into 3 categories:

1. All Meals (Snacks, Lunch & Tea) and Milk to drink
2. Enhanced activities (Gardening with resources, cooking and cooking ingredients, Baby Explores)
3. Additional Services (Sensory room and play, Farm visits etc)

**Charges as follows:** (As per guidance from the L/A if you choose to opt into any of the below these will remain chargeable for the term)

	<b>8am-3pm charge  (£18 combined total)</b>	<b>8am-6pm charge  (£11 combined total)</b>
<b>1. All meals to include</b>		
Morning Snack (Carbohydrate & variety of fruit), Lunch Meal (Nutritious 2 course lunch starter or dessert) Evening Meal (Light meal)	£8	£11
<b>2. Consumable Activities</b>		
Gardening Experiences Tools, seeds, watering cans, plants, plant pots, compost Baby Explorers Magnifying glasses tubs, tools, etc Cookery Equipment, ingredients, packaging	£7	£7
<b>3. Additional Services</b>		
Sensory Room and Play Farm Visits Off site Soft Play Music and Movement Ribbons, interactive screen, Disco Lights & Light Strips Baby Yoga Fibre Optic & LED Lights, Bubbles, Music, Voile, Specialise flooring Community walks off site	£3	£3
<b>Daily Charge Total:</b>	<b>£18</b>	<b>£21</b>
Initial Admin charge includes Funding Loop, FAMILY, Settle Sessions, detailed Welcome Pack and a copy of a Farmer Bennett Book	£100	£100

## HOW ARE THE ADDITIONAL CHARGES BROKEN DOWN AND IN RECEIPT OF **2 YEAR FUNDING?**

These charges will be split into 3 categories:

1. All Meals (Snacks, Lunch & Tea) and Milk to drink
2. Enhanced activities (Gardening with resources, cooking and cooking ingredients)
3. Additional Services (Sensory room and play, Farm visits etc)

Charges as follows: (As per guidance from the L/A if you choose to opt into any of the below these will remain chargeable for the term)

	<b>8am-3pm charge  (£29 combined total)</b>	<b>8am-6pm charge  (£32 combined total)</b>
<b>4. All meals to include</b>		
Morning Snack (Carbohydrate & variety of fruit), Lunch Meal (Nutritious 2 course lunch starter or dessert) Evening Meal (Light meal)	£8	£11
<b>5. Consumable Activities</b>		
Gardening Experiences Tools, seeds, watering cans, plants, plant pots, compost Woodland Magnifying glasses tubs, tools, etc Cookery Equipment, ingredients, packaging	£11	£11
<b>6. Additional Services</b>		
Sensory Room and Play Farm Visits Off site Clamber Club/Soft play Music and Movement Ribbons, interactive screen, Disco Lights & Light Strips Community visits off site Old People's home, library local park etc	£10	£10
<b>Daily Charge Total:</b>	<b>£29</b>	<b>£32</b>
Initial Admin charge includes Funding Loop, FAMILY, Settle Sessions, detailed Welcome Pack and a copy of a Farmer Bennett Book	£100	£100

## HOW ARE THE ADDITIONAL CHARGES BROKEN DOWN AND IN RECEIPT OF **3&4 YEAR FUNDING?**

These charges will be split into 3 categories:

1. All Meals (Snacks, Lunch & Tea) and Milk to drink
2. Enhanced activities (Gardening with resources, cooking and cooking ingredients)
3. Additional Services (Sensory room and play, Farm visits etc)

**Charges as follows:** (As per guidance from the L/A if you choose to opt into any of the below these will remain chargeable for the term)

	<b>8am-3pm charge  (£36 combined total)</b>	<b>8am-6pm charge  (£39 combined total)</b>
<b>4. All meals to include</b>		
Morning Snack (Carbohydrate & variety of fruit), Lunch Meal (Nutritious 2 course lunch starter or dessert) Evening Meal (Light meal)	£10	£13
<b>5. Consumable Activities</b>		
Gardening Experiences Tools, seeds, watering cans, plants, plant pots, compost Woodland Magnifying glasses tubs, tools, etc Cookery Equipment, ingredients, packaging	£14	£14
<b>6. Additional Services</b>		
Sensory Room and Play Farm Visits Off site Clamber Club Music and Movement Ribbons, interactive screen, Disco Lights & Light Strips Community visits off site Old People's home, library local park etc More Focused Provisions	£12	£12
<b>Daily Charge Total:</b>	<b>£36</b>	<b>£39</b>
Initial Admin charge includes Funding Loop, FAMILY, Settle Sessions, detailed Welcome Pack and a copy of a Farmer Bennett Book	£100	£100