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Information about Funding and Paying for Childcare

Our Sessions and Charges

At Scallywags, we accept children from the age of 2.

We charge an hourly rate for children not yet in receipt of funding.

From September 2020, our charges are £4.35 per hour. This figure is reviewed annually.

The minimum number of hours which can be booked per week is 3 hours (one session).

We aim to open for 30 hours a week (term time), subject to demand for spaces.

Each half term, we ask parents to book the sessions for the following half term.

We will issue an invoice each half term. This will show how much you owe, and/or how much funding we will claim on your behalf.

You are responsible for paying our charges unless you are entitled to funding (and have shown us evidence of your entitlement to 30 hour funding or Two Year Old Funding where applicable).

15 Hours Universal Funding

All children are automatically entitled to Government Funding the term after their 3rd birthday.

Scallywags will claim this on your behalf (you will be asked to sign a form).

Funding can be shared with another provider. You must let us know if your child claims elsewhere.

Funding entitlement is 15 hours per week if used term time only (38 weeks) and the maximum claim is 570 hours per academic year. The weekly entitlement is less if you use a year-round provider.

You can book more than 15 hours a week at Scallywags, subject to space; additional hours are charged at our hourly rate, unless you are entitled to 30 hour funding.

Funding Eligibility Dates for 3 & 4 year old funding

To receive funding during the following terms:	Your child needs to be 3 years old BEFORE:
Spring Term (1 January – 31 March)	1 January
Summer Term (1 April – 31 August)	1 April
Autumn Term (1 September – 31 December)	1 September

For example, if your child's birthday is on 3 September, you would start to receive funding at the beginning of the following term, ie 1 January. Note: term dates are set by government and are not exactly the same as the dates we open/close for holidays.

30 Hours Extended Entitlement

Some working families are entitled to an additional 15 hours “extended entitlement”, making 30 hours of funded childcare.

Families must apply for 30 hours funding at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or by phoning 0300 123 4097. Please apply in plenty of time.

If eligible, you will receive an 11-digit code. You must give this to us as we need to verify the code with Devon County Council before your funded place can be confirmed.

You will be prompted by HMRC every 3 months to reconfirm the details are still accurate. *If you do not do this, your eligibility will lapse.*

You will need to open an online Government “Citizens Portal” Account (if you don’t have one already). This is where you will receive messages about your application.

Two Year Old Funding

Some two year olds are eligible for “Two Year Old Funding” for 15 hours free childcare. Eligibility criteria applies. You may receive a “Golden Ticket” or a “Purple Ticket” from Devon County Council. If you receive a Purple Ticket, you will need to check if you’re entitled to funding at www.devon.gov.uk/twoyearoldfunding. If you receive a Golden Ticket, or a code when you apply online, you must let us know so that we can claim the funding. If you don’t receive anything from Devon County Council, still check at www.devon.gov.uk/twoyearoldfunding or www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to see if you can get funding or other help towards costs.

Tax-Free Childcare

Working parents of children aged under 12 can use Tax-Free Childcare, through the childcare service account, to pay for registered childcare. The Government will top up the money that parents pay into the account. For every £8 parents pay into the account, the Government will add an extra £2. Parents can receive £2,000 per child per year, or £4,000 if disabled. Apply online at the same time as applying for 30 hours extended entitlement (via www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

Tax-free childcare can be used alongside the 15 or 30 hours free childcare.

Parents cannot receive Tax-Free childcare at the same time they receive Childcare Vouchers, Universal Credits or Tax Credits so do please check carefully if Tax-Free Childcare is the right option for you.

Childcare Vouchers

You may be eligible for childcare vouchers if you joined your employer’s scheme before 4 October 2018 and are still with the same employer. www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/childcare-vouchers

Check the childcare calculator www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator to help you decide which support is best for you.

Fundraising

Government Funding is not intended to cover all the costs involved in providing a child’s place. Providers can charge additional fees to parents, even if they receive funding. At Scallywags, we appreciate the support from committee, families, staff and community in their fundraising efforts to supplement our income, and we have so far not reached a position where we need to start charging for extras. Without fundraising support and donations, the children would not have the wonderful resources which are provided for their benefit. If you have any questions, or suggestions on how to raise money for Scallywags, please do speak with a member of staff or committee. Thank you for your support.