



## The Pochin Pre-School Funding Factsheet

### **When does my child become eligible for funded hours?**

Children become eligible for 15/30 hours funding in the period following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday e.g.:

- Child turns 3 between 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> August = eligible for funding from 1<sup>st</sup> September
- Child turns 3 between 1<sup>st</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> December = eligible for funding from 1<sup>st</sup> January
- Child turns 3 between 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March = eligible for funding from 1<sup>st</sup> April

### **What funding is my child eligible for?**

There are several types of funding your child may be eligible for including 15 funded hours per week; 30 funded hours per week; Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP); and Disability Access Fund (DAF). More details about each type of funding are listed below:

#### **Universal 15 Hours Free Education**

All three and four year olds in England are entitled to 15 hours of free nursery education per week, over no fewer than 38 weeks of the year, in line with Leicestershire's school term dates. This applies until they reach compulsory school age (the term following their fifth birthday).

Parents do not need to apply to claim for the 15 funded hours; but you will need to supply the pre-school with your child's original birth certificate and you will be asked to complete a form to give consent for the pre-school to claim the funded hours – without this information the pre-school will not be able to claim any hours and you may be charged.

#### **30 Hours Free Childcare**

The extended entitlement is intended to support working parents with the cost of childcare and enable them to return to work or to work additional hours.

Working parents who meet the criteria can get 30 hours per week (for up to 38 weeks per year, a total of 1140 hours) of funded childcare.

If you're having difficulty completing an eligibility check or have a query about the result, you should contact 0300 123 4097.

Parents can check if their child is eligible for 30 hours free childcare by using the following site <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

If eligible, parents will receive an eligibility code which should be written on the pre-school application form together with their National Insurance number and their child's date of birth.

The Pochin School will need to validate the code before confirming the hours offered will be funded. Should the code be invalid, any hours offered will be chargeable.

Eligibility codes will be valid for a certain period of time. You will be reminded by the HRMC to re-confirm your eligibility every 3 months. Parents who fall out of the eligibility criteria will enter a Grace Period. The Grace Period will allow parents to re-enter employment whilst preserving their entitlement to the 30 hours free childcare. Once the Grace Period is ended, a child will no longer be eligible for 30 hours but will continue to be eligible for Universal 15 hours' free Early Years education. Parents will have the option to either reduce their hours to 15 hours or pay for the extra hours.

### Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)

The EYPP is extra Government money to boost three or four year old's early learning. The provider you use could get up to £300 a year to help your child's learning.

Children will be eligible if they are 3 or 4 years old, receiving a funded place with an Ofsted registered childcare provider and their parents are in receipt of one or more of the benefits listed below:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit – provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400

Children will also be eligible if they have been:

- Looked after by the local authority for at least one day
- Have been adopted from care
- Have left care through a special guardianship, and subject to a child arrangement order setting out with whom the child is to live (formerly known as residence orders)

To apply for EYPP, parents will need to complete the relevant section on the Parental Statement of Undertaking (PSOU).

## Disability Access Fund (DAF)

Children who are in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) and accessing their 3 and 4 year old funding (including the extended entitlement) will be eligible for the DAF.

The DAF payment allows providers to maximise the potential of children in their setting through the support of additional resources, staff or activities, making reasonable adjustments where necessary to ensure a quality experience for all children.

For the Pre-School to claim this payment, you will need to provide confirmation that your child is in receipt of disability living allowance (DLA). You will also be required to complete the relevant section on the Parent Statement of Undertaking (PSOU), where you will be asked to nominate the setting to receive the DAF. If you split your funded hours over more than one provider, please be aware that only one provider can receive the annual DAF payment. If you change providers during the year, the DAF payment cannot be transferred to another provider.

### **Can my child attend more than one setting?**

Yes, you may use your funded hours across more than one setting. You will need to let The Pochin Pre-School know which other provider(s) your child will be attending and how many funded hours you will be using at each setting.

For example:

A child is entitled to 30 hours funded and wishes to split the funding between 2 settings as follows:

- Child attends Setting A for 12 hours a week – Setting A would claim for 12 hours a week
- Child attends Setting B for 18 hours a week – Setting B would claim for 18 hours a week, the remaining 0 hours would be charged for

### **What does my funding cover and are there any additional costs?**

Funded hours can be used between the hours of 08:30 and 15:00 on weekdays.

Charges will be applied to any hours not covered by funded hours; i.e. if your child attends for more than 30 hours per week, the extra hours are charged for.

Children can choose to have school dinners, which would incur an additional cost per day. Alternatively children can bring in a packed lunch.

The Pochin Pre-School may request contributions towards trips, school activities, etc as per the Charging and Remissions Policy which can be found on the school website.

Please speak to The Pochin Pre-School to find out the current charges for additional hours and school dinners.

## What payment methods do you accept to cover additional costs?

For additional hours we accept payments via bank transfer; Government Tax Free Childcare accounts; and Childcare Voucher Schemes.

For school dinners, trips etc payment is made via our online school payment system using bank transfer or card payment.

## Where can I find further information on funding?

More information can be found via the following link  
<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/education-and-children/early-years-and-childcare/funded-childcare-places/funded-childcare-places>