**Free Early Education and Childcare for 9 months to 5 years**

**Information for Parents**

At Just for Kidz, we are pleased to offer free early education and childcare places funded by the UK Government. This funding helps support your child’s early learning and development in a high-quality, nurturing environment.

**What We Offer**

We offer the following free early education entitlements in line with government guidelines:

* **Universal 15 Hours:** All 3 and 4-year-olds are entitled to 15 hours per week of free early education for 38 weeks a year (term-time only).
* **22.5 Hours (Extended Entitlement):** Eligible working parents of children aged 9 months to 5 years may receive up to 22.5 hours a week, 51 weeks a year
* **2-Year-Old Funding:** Some 2-year-olds may be eligible for 15 hours of free childcare per week if certain criteria are met (e.g. income-based or other qualifying benefits).

**How the Funding Works**

* Funding covers the cost of early education only. Additional charges wil; apply for meals, trips, or extracurricular activities.
* Parents will not be charged a ‘top-up’ fee for the funded hours, but will incur charges for any hours above their funded entitlement.
* Funded places are subject to availability and are offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Eligibility and Applying**

* Parents must provide a copy of their child’s birth certificate and proof of address.
* To claim 22.5 hours, parents must apply through the government’s Childcare Choices website and provide us with their eligibility code.
* For 2-year-old funding, parents must provide a valid eligibility letter or reference number from the local authority.

**Terms and Conditions**

* A signed funding agreement must be completed before a funded place begins.
* Regular attendance is expected to maintain a funded place.
* If your child leaves or their attendance drops significantly, we may need to notify the local authority, which may affect your entitlement.
* 1 months notice is required to cancel or transfer funding to another provider.

**More Information**

Please contact us directly if you have any questions or would like help checking your eligibility. You can also find more information on [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk).

**Nursery Session Structure, charges and Free Early Learning**

At Just for kidz we have a number of options available to pay or claim for yours childs nursery sessions. Please see our set options below:

**Non funded Sessions**

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| **Non funded Session – All year**  (weekly session charge, 51 weeks a year) | **Cost per session** | |
| **Under 2** | **2 years +** |
| 7:30 – 6pm | £62 | £60 |
| 8 – 6pm | £58 | £56 |
| 9 – 4pm | £48 | £46 |

**Universal 15 hour Funded Sessions**

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| **Universal funded sessions – Term Time**  (can claim up to 15 hours a week, 38 weeks a year) | **Cost per hour** |
| 9 – 12pm (3 hours) | 0.00 |
| 1 – 4pm (3 hours) | 0.00 |
| 9 – 3pm (6 hours) | 0.00 |

**Extended 30 hour Funded Sessions**

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| **Working Parent Funded sessions – All year.**  (can claim up to 22.5 hours a week, 51 weeks a year) | **Cost per hour** |
| 8:30 – 4pm (7.5 hours) | 0.00 |

**Nursery charges – January 2025**

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|  | **Under 2** | **2 years +** |
| Free Entitlement hours | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Extra top up hours | £7.80 | £7.30 |
| Breakfast | £1.00 | £1.00 |
| Lunch | £2.70 | £2.70 |
| Tea | £1.70 | £1.70 |
| Morning snack | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Afternoon snack | 0.00 | 0.00 |

**Nursery Consumables**

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| Nappies | Parents to provide |
| Wipes | Provided by setting / no charge |
| Nappy Creams / Ointments | Parents to provide |
| Teething gels / pain relief | Parents to provide |
| Suncream | Option to provide or £5 consumable charge |

**When is your child eligible?**

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| **Birth date window:** | **Claim start date:** |
| 1st January to 31st March | 1st April |
| 1st April to 31st August | 1st September |
| 1st September to 31st December | 1st January |

**Holiday Entitlement**

Parents who pay for regular sessions all year round are entitled to **two non-chargeable weeks per year** (one week is equivalent to the number of sessions a child attends in a week).

* One week is allocated to the **Christmas and New Year closure**.
* The second week can be used at any other time throughout the year, at the parent's discretion.

Your child’s holiday year will commence from their **first day at nursery**. To receive holiday deductions, parents must submit their **holiday dates in writing at least one month in advance** for the deduction to be reflected on their future invoice.

Please note: **We do not offer session swaps to accommodate children's booked holidays.**

No holiday entitlement is available for children on a **Term-Time contract**.

Full payment / funding will continue to be applied for any bank holidays that fall on a child`s session day. We do not offer session swaps on these occasions.

Full payment / funding will continue to be applied for any sick days or absenteeism.

Please refer to our terms and conditions for all further nursery policies and procedures.

**Our Nursery Price Structure and Sessions are reviewed annually.**