



Tigers at Theale Guide to Funding Booklet

If you are new to nurseries, there are a few different ways to help fund your childcare. Understanding funding isn't always easy but we are to help. In England there are two government funding programmes. In simple terms, you can make the most of 15 or 30 funded hours per week, depending on your circumstances. Hopefully the information below will give you a good idea of what is available.

Funding Available

Childs Age	38 weeks	Eligibility
2 years	15 hours	Families receiving government support
3-4 years	15 hours	All Parents
9mths- 4 years	30 hours	Eligible working families

Nursery Education Funding is government-funded hours childcare support offered for 38 weeks of the year. This can be delivered over 38 weeks or stretched over additional weeks, claiming maximum of 10 hours a day.

The eligibility criteria for Working Parents are available on the Government website. It is parent's responsibility to check their eligibility through HMRC and they must provide an eligibility code to the setting. This code will then needs renewing every 3 months. These codes apply to the term after your child reaches the correct age, the deadline to receive your code for the following term is 31st December, 31st March and 31st August. We encourage all families looking to take up funded spaces to enquire as soon as possible as specific sessions may fill up faster than anticipated.

Best Start in Life

www.beststartinlife.gov.uk The Best Start in Life website will guide you through your options to help you decide on the schemes that are that are best for your family this includes the Working Families Entitlement Funding and Tax-Free Childcare.

Tax Free Childcare Accounts

Working parents of children aged under 12 can use Tax-Free Childcare, through the childcare service account, to pay for registered childcare. The Government top-up the money that parents pay into the account i.e. for every £8 parents pay in, the Government will add an additional £2. Parents can receive £2,000 per child per year, or £4,000 if disabled.

Please visit www.beststartinlife.gov.uk to find out more about eligibility and the scheme. We advise parents to ensure they have read all of the advice in relation to what is best for them and whether they should move from an existing scheme as your choice may result in changes to your eligibility for other benefits or childcare costs support.

Funding Types

Childcare Funding Options

Covering the cost of childcare isn't always easy, especially in the current financial climate. The UK government offers a range of funded childcare schemes to help lighten the financial load. Below are the available options to see what childcare funding can help you.

Universal Funded Childcare

All parents of 3- and 4-year-olds are entitled to the 15 hours funding from the term after your child's 3rd birthday and until they start school. Many families will also be eligible for extended funding for up to 30hrs per week term only.

Supported Two-Year-Old Funding

Some parents will be able to apply for 15 hours funding for 2-year-olds.

If you are in receipt of certain benefits such as Income Support or Universal Credit, or your child has Disability Living Allowance or an education, health and care (EHC) plan, you may be able to get 15 funded hours for your child. Please visit local council website or childcare choices:

www.beststartinlife.gov.uk

Working Families Funding

Working Families for children aged 9 months plus whose parents meet the eligibility criteria can claim up to 30 hours per week, term time only.

Each parent must be working and earning at least the equivalent of 16 hours a week at the national living or minimum wage, but less than £100,000 a year. If you are a couple, then this applies to each of you - if one of you doesn't work, or one of you earns over £100,000, you won't be eligible.

If your child attends all year round, we will claim the maximum amount you are eligible for to help cover costs in the school holidays. This is the stretched funding option.

Early Year Pupil Premium (EYPP)

The Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is an additional sum of money paid to childcare providers for children of families in receipt of certain benefits. This funding will be used to enhance the quality of their early years' experience by improving the teaching and learning facilities and resources, with the aim of impacting positively on your child's progress and development.

How to apply

You need to apply for working families entitlement at www.beststartinlife.gov.uk

Applying for working families funding childcare usually takes people around 20 minutes. You'll need your National Insurance number (or your Unique Taxpayer Reference if you're self-employed). If you are a couple, you will need this information for each of you.

If your application is successful, you'll receive a code. Once you receive this code, please send it to your chosen setting and they will confirm that the code is for the current term using the local authority portal. Please note that if you get tax free childcare, they may send you a code automatically the term before you get funding.

While the government funding is a great help towards childcare fees, it only covers a limited number of hours and doesn't pay for all the things that make Tigers such a special place. To help us give your child the best start in life, we'll ask you to contribute towards the costs along with any unfunded sessions.

Reminder

If you receive the 15hrs Universal Funding for a 3-year-old, you do not need to apply for a code. For further information go to the best start in life website.

Don't forget

Every three months you will need to sign into your HMRC childcare account to reconfirm your working family eligibility code. Failure to do this may mean that you miss out on a term of funding so please don't miss your reconfirmation date.

Tigers at Theale Day Nursery Funded and Non-Funded Childcare Places **Opening times 7.30 am to 6pm**

FEES LIST

Fees for families who are not in receipt of funding. These fees include all meals, non-consumables & all optional extras.

Full Day
£103.00
Full Time
£457.00
Extra Day Ad hoc Session
£103.00

Tigers at Theale Day Nursery All Inclusive Package **Opening times 7.30 am to 6pm**

Government funding covers 38 weeks of the year. This equates to:

- 570 hours per year (15 hours funding)
- 1140 hours per year (30 hours funding)

We operate for 51 weeks per year, and we stretch the funding across the full year known as the **All-Inclusive Package**. The actual weekly hours are reduced when stretched and the number of funding hours per day varies by attendance pattern. You can see how we calculate these hours in the fees.

To be transparent about charges you will clearly show how funded hours are delivered and what additional charges apply. This will show as:

- Funded hours
- Privately paid hours
- Consumables
- Meals
- Activities

If you do not want the All-Inclusive Package, there is an option to use your funded hours across the afternoons with no additional costs. You are welcome to add in optional extras.

Please Note:

Termly Funding allocations are calculated differently each term and by each Local Authority. This means the number of funded hours varies per term. This depends on which term you start funding for the first time and how many terms remain in that academic year.

The prices shown are examples of stretch funding costs. This is an example of September 2026 to August 2027 of how funding is allocated.

All Inclusive package with 30 hrs stretched funding

Opening times 7.30 am to 6pm

All year-round costs for all children who are entitled to up to 30 hours funding

September 2026 to August 2027

1/9/2026 to 31/08/2027 51 weeks of Nursery with 38weeks of funding over 12 equal payments.

Including All Optional Extras

	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days
Cost	£133.87	£267.75	£641.34	£1086.12	£1243.28
What Tigers will claim	Claim 38 Weeks of 13.4 Hours	Claim 38 Weeks of 26.8 Hours	Claim 38 Weeks of 30 Hours	Claim 38 Weeks of 30 Hours	Claim 38 Weeks of 30 Hours

All Inclusive package with 15 hrs stretched funding

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Funded Only Sessions

We offer fully funded sessions using your 15- or 30-hour entitlement. We offer these funded hours free at source without any additional charges.

These sessions do not include any meals, consumables or activities but you can opt in to our Optional Extras and Charges.

We are committed to providing access to high-quality Early Years childcare. We offer fully funded-only places, which are allocated on a first-come, first serve basis. These places will be allocated the term before you require a place.

These sessions run from 1.30pm – 6pm or 12.45pm – 3.45pm Monday to Friday

You can opt in to add Optional Extras and Charges as the table below

For families choosing Funded only sessions we require you to provide:

Non-Food Consumables:

1 pack of Nappies, 1 full bag of nappy sacks 2 packs of baby wipes, 1 unopened pot of nappy cream

* alternatively, you can buy Optional Extras and Charges as below.

Meals

Families with a disadvantage 2yr old funding code can access their funding without paying for meals.

Optional Extras and Charges

These are broken down into additional hours, meals including breakfast, lunch, tea and snacks. Consumables which include toiletries, nappies and creams and curriculum resources which includes specialist classes, events, celebrations and local trips. All these things help us to provide the highest standard of care and education for your child.

Of course, these are just some of the things that make Tigers special. At our nurseries, your child will also benefit from a National Curriculum-based education following the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) framework, along with the exceptional training, expertise, and specialist support of our training providers.

Item	Cost	Description
Additional Private Paid Hours <i>When not used as part of a package</i>	£16.00 an hour	The minimal time charged for is 1 hour
Non-Food Consumables	£3.00	Including Nappies and Toiletries
Activities Charges	£5.00	Events, Celebrations, Classes including but not limited to Sports Skills, French, Forest School, Yoga, Dance, Music, Gardening Club and Local Trips
Food Charges		
Breakfast, Fruit and Milk	Free	Selection of Healthy Cereals, Toast, Fruit and Milk (excluding formula)
Lunch	£4.70	Homecooked Balanced 2 Course Meal We cater for all Allergies and Dietary Requirements
Tea	£3.30	Healthy Seasonal Light Tea & Fruit

Fee & Funding information

Registration Fee

A registration fee of £75.00 is payable at the time of completing the registration form online. This is required per family to be placed on our waiting list. Please ensure you have checked availability with the setting before making this payment as all registration fees are non-refundable and does not guarantee your place. The registration fee covers unlimited settling in sessions the month before you start.

For a fully funded place no registration fee will be required, settling in sessions can be done during your child's first week in nursery. We will work with you to adapt the hours your child attends to allow them to build up the time they spend at nursery.

The place is secured with a deposit which we will request in writing once we have your place available.

Please note

- If your child has a disadvantaged funding code, you are not required to pay our registration fee. If this is the case, please contact the setting.

Deposits

For your deposit the nursery will contact you once the place is available to request 4 weeks' fees as a deposit. The deposit will be allocated to your first month's fees at Tigers.

If you require a funded only place and there are no additional costs. If you require a funded only place your place will be allocated the term before your start date.

All deposits are non-refundable regardless of the notice given if you decide not to take up your place at Tigers.

Your place is only secure at Tigers once we have received your deposit. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Terms and Conditions

We require these to be signed at the time of registration.

Invoicing

Invoices are sent by email from our accounts department accounts@tigersdaynurseries.co.uk

You will receive an invoice at the beginning of each month; fee payments will be due on or before the 15th of the month.

If you do not receive your email or would like to change your preferred email address, please let accounts know. You can view all payments on your EY Parent App.

Bank Transfer

If you are making a bank transfer, can you use your child's full name as a reference.

Please can Bank transfers be set up so that we receive the payment on or before the 15th

Tigers Bank Details as below:

Tigers at Theale Day Nursery Limited

Sort Code: 30-96-96

Account Number: 74935360

Tax Free Childcare

If you receive tax free childcare, can you email your reference code to accounts. For information about tax free childcare please log onto www.beststartinlife.gov.uk

To set up your tax-free childcare account you will need our Ofsted Number, please see below for these:

Theale: 2866343

Bank Holidays

You will be charged for Bank holidays, but you will be able to swap these for another day at a mutually convenient time where we have availability.

All bank holidays must be taken by the end of each calendar year; they will not be carried to the following year.

If your child attends full time bank holidays are considered in the weekly rate.

Christmas Week

We do not charge for the week over Christmas as we close the 23rd of December and reopen on the 4th of January unless it is a bank holiday.

Sibling Discount

If siblings attend the second child will receive a 5% discount on their fees while both children attend Tigers.

Swapping Days

Unfortunately, we are unable to swap holiday days or give back sick days. This is because the nursery is full most of the time and we would not be able to accommodate this for everyone.

However, we may be able to swap Nursery days to help with families work commitments.

Extra Days

Extra days can be booked through our website or by contacting the Nursery Manager. Payment is due on or before the session to confirm the booking. The cost for extra days is £103 per day.

To book extra sessions on our website, please see the link below:

<https://tigers-day-nurseries.pembee.app>

Notice period

We ask for 4 weeks' notice to end your contract. You will receive a leaving balance based on the funding we have received for you, the sessions attended, and the payments made. Please note this could increase your final months' payment.

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