

The Early Years Entitlement Funding 2018/19

So that all our families are able to access our provision we have agreed to adopt and work in Partnership with the Somerset Code of Practice for Early Years.

Entitlements

Somerset offers a maximum of 570 hours per year of Early Years Entitlement (EYE) for all three and four year olds. We are open for 33 weeks of the year, so the most any parents can claim through us is 495 hours. There are also a further 495 hours available to three and four year olds for qualifying families (the criteria is detailed on the following link: [30 hours free childcare - eligibility](#)). These hours can be accessed flexibly in our setting and throughout the 33 weeks of the year.

There is no minimum entitlement per day, but the maximum hours per week that may be claimed is 15. For those families qualifying for the additional entitlement, the maximum number of hours which may be claimed each week is 30.

Millfield Pre-Prep are able to pass on the Early Years Funding Formula base rate currently worth £4.21 an hour (to be reviewed in April 2019).

Our sessional rate is more than the funded allocation as we provide qualified swimming teachers, specialist music, forest school and languages staff, qualified teacher input into the EYFS provision and a wide range of high-quality facilities, which the children use regularly. Our sessional rates also include healthy, nutritious lunches and snacks (unless otherwise stated). You will be charged extra for this provision and for the use of the school facilities. If you do not wish to pay the sessional rate, your child will not be eligible for any of these additional activities and facilities.

More detail regarding the above can be found within the Early Years Entitlement Funding Policy.

Flexibility

If your child attends another setting, as well as Millfield Pre-Prep School, you may split the hourly entitlement funding. The maximum numbers of providers/settings you can attend at any one time is two. Tadpoles must attend at least 2 sessions per week on separate days and Frogs 3 sessions per week to provide continuity.

Somerset County Council provides lots of information and guidance to help you make an informed choice. More information is available online at [Somerset Choices](#). There is also a local rate helpline 0300 1232224.

Complaints Procedure

Parents who are not satisfied that their child has been able to access their Early Years Entitlement should raise their concerns initially with Mrs Blasdale, Head of Pre-Prep. If you are unhappy with the response, you can also ask the local Government Ombudsman to investigate your complaint further.

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