



## The Barn Nursery and Preschool

### Education Funding Policy

In accordance with the Department of Education 'Early Education and Childcare - Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities' - September 2014, this policy covers the provision of Early Education Funding (EEF) for 3 and 4-year olds attending **The Barn Nursery**. Occasionally in line with our Admissions Policy, this will also include Early Education Funding (EEF) for eligible 2-year olds i.e. when a child attends the nursery the term before they turn three.

This policy is written, and EEF delivered, within statutory and local authority guidelines and may be updated from time to time.

#### Eligibility

- All 3 and 4-year olds are entitled to 570 hours of free early education or childcare a year.
- Children become eligible the term after their third birthday.
- Eligible 2-year olds who attend the nursery, are entitled to the same. Eligibility is confirmed by the Achieving for Children Early Years Team.
- At The Barn Nursery this is normally delivered for 15 hours a week, over 36 weeks a year (term time).
- If a child attends more than one setting/childcare provider, delivery can be shared over two providers.

#### Delivery and Charges

Parents can start claiming free childcare after their child turns three. The date of the claim will depend when their child's birthday is. The term dates are the same every year and are set by the Government.

Third birthday between	Eligible from
1 April - 31 August	Autumn Term starting in September
1 September - 31 December	Spring Term starting in January
1 January - 31 March	Summer Term starting in April

Children can attend the setting fewer than 15 hours a week, however, they would not receive the maximum funding. Funding is delivered during term time only - Monday to Friday, 9.10am-12.20pm, 36 weeks a year.

The Barn Nursery is open beyond three hours per day and 15 hours per week, therefore parents will be charged additional parental contributions, in order for the nursery to remain sustainable. These contributions are for the extra benefits and additional services that children receive and enjoy at The Barn Nursery.

Parents agree to this by signing our Funding and Fee Agreement, once their child becomes eligible for EEF.

### **Starters and Leavers**

If a child starts at The Barn after the published Headcount day, funding will not be available for that child until the following term.

When a child leaves The Barn after the published Headcount day the funding available remains at the nursery, with the expectation that the funding may be used to accommodate a child for whom funding is not available. Or if no eligible children attend, the grant will be used for educational resources, training etc.

In some cases if a child moves settings during the term The Barn can negotiate with the previous/next provider to make a pro rata payment to each other.

### **Additional Charges, Deposits and Registration Payments**

There is a £25 non-refundable registration fee.

On acceptance of a place, a £100 deposit is payable. This amount is deducted from the final invoice, unless proper notice has not been given in line with our Terms and Conditions. The deposit is non-refundable, if the place is not taken.

These payments are not applicable when a child attends the nursery as a Free Place.

### **Parent Declaration**

At the beginning of each term, parents must complete and sign a Parent Declaration Form. This form will be enclosed with the fees invoice at the beginning of the term. Funding will not be issued to a parent whose child's form is not submitted by the due date and therefore the child will lose his/her entitlement for the term and the parent may be liable for the total cost of the childcare.

Should you have any queries please speak to the Manager.

Alternatively you can contact the Achieving for Children Early Years Team at:  
[early.years@achievingforchildren.org.uk](mailto:early.years@achievingforchildren.org.uk)

This policy was adopted by

The Barn Nursery

On

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Date to be reviewed

September 2022

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Signed on behalf of the provider

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Name of signatory

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Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)

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