



## BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA PLAYGROUP

### FUNDED EARLY YEARS EDUCATION FOR 3 and 4 YEAR OLDS

All children become eligible for Funded Early Years Education the term after their third birthday.

To check your eligibility please visit the government website [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

A child is eligible for Funded Early Years Education at the start of the term after their third birthday in line with the Department of Education (DfE) Statutory Guidance.

<b>An eligible child born between:</b>	<b>Will be able to take their Funded early education entitlement from:</b>
1 April – 31 August (inclusive)	The start of Term 1 following their third birthday (after Summer holidays)
1 Sept – 31 Dec (inclusive)	The start of Term 3 following their third birthday (after Christmas/New Year)
1 Jan – 31 Mar (inclusive)	The start of Term 5 following their third birthday (after April holiday)

Your child is entitled to 570 hours of Funded Early Education over 38 weeks per year. However, depending on which days your child attends this may not be possible, due to bank holidays. We will inform you if this is the case and aim to offer alternative hours.

Your child is able to access their Funded Early Education up to a maximum of 15 hours per week. This is over 38 weeks of the term, currently in line with KCC school term dates. Proof of your child's date of birth will be required with sight of either a birth certificate or passport. Funding can be split between 2 settings.

Children are also able to attend extra sessions, charged at our normal rate of £26.00 per session (£8.68 per hour) over and above their Funded Early Education entitlement and these will be invoiced for in the usual manner.

**30 HOURS WORKING PARENTS FUNDED EARLY EDUCATION:** Please see separate pages on this. Eligibility criteria applies. Further information at [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

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### WORKING PARENTS FUNDED EARLY YEARS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN FROM THE AGE OF 9 MONTHS

From September 2025 eligible working parents of 2 year olds will be able to apply for 30 hours of Funded Early Years Education. A parent has to be earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at National Minimum Wage. For 2 parent families both parents need to be working or in receipt of Carers Allowance.

<b>An eligible child who turns 9 months old between:</b>	<b>Will be able to take their Funded early education entitlement from:</b>
1 April – 31 August (inclusive)	The start of Term 1 after they have reached the age of 2 (after Summer holidays)
1 Sept – 31 Dec (inclusive)	The start of Term 3 after they have reached the age of 2 ( (after Christmas/New Year)
1 Jan – 31 Mar (inclusive)	The start of Term 5 after they have reached the age of 2 ( (after April holiday)

Your child is entitled to 1140 hours of Funded Early Education over 38 weeks per year. However, depending on which days your child attends this may not be possible, due to bank holidays. We will inform you if this is the case and aim to offer alternative hours.

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Children are also able to attend extra sessions (if funding is split between settings), these will be charged at our normal rate of £26.04 per session (£8.68 per hour) and these will be invoiced for in the usual manner.

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### FREE FOR 2 FUNDING

Children who are 2 years old from families that are on a lower income or in receipt of certain benefits may be eligible for 15 hours of funding through a scheme called Free For 2 Funding (FF2).

<b>An eligible child born between:</b>	<b>Will be able to take their Funded early education entitlement from:</b>
1 April – 31 August (inclusive)	The start of Term 1 following their second birthday (after Summer holidays)
1 Sept – 31 Dec (inclusive)	The start of Term 3 following their second birthday (after Christmas/New Year)
1 Jan – 31 Mar (inclusive)	The start of Term 5 following their second birthday (after April holiday)

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