

FREE EARLY EDUCATION FUNDING

All three and four-year olds in England can gain access for free early education or childcare and some two-year olds are also eligible. For two-year-old entitlement, you would be required to provide evidence that you have been accessed as eligible and places are limited.

St Faith's Prep is an approved childcare provider and is therefore in a position to provide the universal 15 hours of free early education for 38 weeks per year. St Faith's Prep does not subscribe to the extended 30 hours entitlement, but you are able to attend an alternative settling to access your entitlement to this additional funding if you wish.



The table below shows when your child will become eligible for their three and four-year old early education place:

<u><i>A child born between:</i></u>	<u><i>Eligible for 3&4-year-old free early education from:</i></u>
<i>1 April - 31 August</i>	<i>1 September following their third birthday until statutory school age</i>
<i>1 September - 31 December</i>	<i>1 January following their third birthday until statutory school age.</i>
<i>1 January - 31 March</i>	<i>1 April following their third birthday until statutory school age.</i>

The table below shows when a child will become eligible for the two-year old early education place, which is offered on a rolling programme as follows:

<u><i>A child born between:</i></u>	<u><i>Eligible for 2-year-old free early education from:</i></u>
<i>1 January to 31 March</i>	<i>The start of Summer Term following their second birthday</i>
<i>1 April to 31 August</i>	<i>The start of the Autumn Term following their second birthday</i>
<i>1 September to 31 December</i>	<i>The start of the Spring Term following their second birthday</i>

In Sandcastles Nursery you are able to access all free early education in one of the following patterns:

-  Maximum Three morning sessions 8.00am - 1.00pm
- or
-  Maximum Two day sessions 8.00am - 3.30pm

In Reception you are able to access your free early education (until statutory school age) in the following pattern:

-  Five afternoon sessions 12.15pm - 3.15pm

For all qualifying children, parents will be required to sign a Parental Declaration Form each term before St Faith's will be in a position to claim the child's Free Early Education Funding. This is completed in readiness to ensure that the termly invoice accurately reflects the relevant receipt of your child's Free Early Education Funding entitlement.

You will be invoiced in the usual way showing how many hours your child has received and the additional cost will be itemised so you can clearly see what you have been charged for.

If when you join St Faith's Prep School you are only wishing to access your free early education entitlement of 15 hours, you will not be required to pay the Registration Fee or Deposit. You will also not be liable to give St Faith's Prep notice to leave the setting as outlined in our terms and conditions. However, if for any reason you require access to any care in excess of the 15 hours entitlement, you will then become liable to these conditions.

Entitlement to a Free Early Education Place does not offer a guarantee of a place at any one provider or a particular pattern of delivery.

For further clarification please contact our School Business Manager, who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.