



# PARENT/CARER/PROVIDER AGREEMENT FORM FOR NURSERY EDUCATION FUNDING FOR 3- AND 4-YEAR OLDS Period 2 Spring Term 2024 - 2025 180 or 360 Funded Hours

Child's Details: To be completed by parent/carer of the child - PLEASE COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS

First Name:					Middle Name(s):										
Legal Family Last Name:					Preferred Family Last Name:										
Child's Permanent Address Including Post Code:															
Gender: Male / Female (please circle)					Child's Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / _____										
Child's Ethnic Origin – please tick one of the following:					White – British <input type="checkbox"/>					White – Irish <input type="checkbox"/>					
White - Gypsy/Roma <input type="checkbox"/>			White - Italian <input type="checkbox"/>			White - Traveller of Irish Heritage <input type="checkbox"/>					White - Other Background <input type="checkbox"/>				
Black or Black British - African <input type="checkbox"/>			Black or Black British – Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/>			Any other Black Background <input type="checkbox"/>					Asian or Asian British – Bangladeshi <input type="checkbox"/>				
Asian or Asian British – Indian <input type="checkbox"/>			Asian or Asian British – Pakistani <input type="checkbox"/>			Any Other Asian Background <input type="checkbox"/>					Chinese <input type="checkbox"/>				
Mixed – White and Asian <input type="checkbox"/>			Mixed – White and Black African <input type="checkbox"/>			Mixed – White and Black Caribbean <input type="checkbox"/>					Any Other Mixed Background <input type="checkbox"/>				
Any Other Ethnic Background <input type="checkbox"/>			Prefer not to say <input type="checkbox"/>			Not Obtained <input type="checkbox"/>									
Please tick the appropriate box below to state whether your child has a Special Educational Need and Disability (SEND)															
No Special Educational Need <input type="checkbox"/>					SEN Support <input type="checkbox"/>					Education Health and Care Plan <input type="checkbox"/>					
Is your child eligible and in receipt of Disability Living Allowance (DLA)? (If yes, you must also provide a copy of your child's DLA award letter, see page 3 for further information)										Yes <input type="checkbox"/>			No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If your child is splitting their funded entitlement across two or more providers, please nominate the main setting where the local authority should pay the Disability Access Fund?										Setting Name: _____					
Eligibility code for 30 Hours: (if applicable) (must be an 11-digit number, you must also provide your National Insurance number on page 2.)															
Child's Start Date for this term: ___ / ___ / _____					Child's End Date for this term: ___ / ___ / _____										
My Child is attending the following settings; <u>Ofsted Registered Name please</u> <i>Please enter setting names in the below boxes A, B, C.</i> <u>The setting you are completing this form for should be in box A</u>					Please enter total Funded hours per day: (Universal 15 Hours - Uni. and Extended Hours - Ext. if applicable) (See page 3 for further information)										
Setting Names:					Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Total No. of Hours per week
					Uni.	Ext.	Uni.	Ext.	Uni.	Ext.	Uni.	Ext.	Uni.	Ext.	
A.															
A. Part of stretched offer: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					Number of stretched or term time weeks expected to claim within the year: _____ It is always 38 if claiming term time, if claiming under stretched offer, please ask your provider										
Non-Funded Hours at above setting (paid for)															
Other Providers: <i>Funded Hours only</i>					Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Total No. of Hours per week
Setting Names:					Uni.	Ext.	Uni.	Ext.	Uni.	Ext.	Uni.	Ext.	Uni.	Ext.	
B.															
B. Part of stretched offer: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					Number of stretched or term time weeks expected to claim within the year: _____ It is always 38 if claiming term time, if claiming under stretched offer, please ask your provider										
C.															
C. Part of stretched offer: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>					Number of stretched or term time weeks expected to claim within the year: _____ It is always 38 if claiming term time, if claiming under stretched offer, please ask your provider										
Eligible Dates of birth for Period 2					1st January 2020 - 31st December 2021										
Central Bedfordshire Period 2 Dates					1st January 2025 - 31st March 2025										



**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN THIS PAGE TO YOUR PROVIDER WITH THE PARENT/CARER AGREEMENT FORM**

**IT IS FOR INFORMATION TO PARENTS/CARERS ONLY**

This parent/carer agreement form collects information to assess which funding you are entitled to including 15 Hours universal entitlement for three- and four-year olds, 30-hour entitlement for working parents/carers, Early Years Pupil Premium and Disability Access fund. This funding agreement should be reviewed and/or updated each time the child's circumstances change or if they are eligible for a new early education and childcare Entitlement.

**Universal and Extended Funding:**

**Universal Funding:**

Funded nursery education is available to all three- and four-year olds. The maximum Nursery Education Funding you can claim per week for each child is 15 hours.

**Extended Funding:**

Parents/carers of three- and four-year olds will need to meet the criteria in order to be eligible for 30 hours funded childcare. Parents/carers need to visit [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk) to check their eligibility and to apply for 30 hours funding. Parents/carers will be notified through their childcare choices account if they are entitled to a 30 hours place and issued with an 11 digit code, which will include a date for reconfirmation. Parents/carers must keep their code valid by the dates HMRC set. Codes usually start with 500..... Some parents/carers may have codes that start with 400 or 114. Parents/carers need to present the code to a provider who is offering some, or all the 30 hours, along with their National Insurance number. The provider will have access to undertake their own eligibility check via a secure online portal and will add the details to the portal and to the school census (if applicable). The provider will upload the parent/carer agreement onto the secure system to be sent to Central Bedfordshire council.

**Setting and Attendance Details:**

You need to agree and complete this agreement form with each setting your child attends for their early education entitlement of 15 or 30 hours per week in order to ensure that funding is paid fairly between them. Your child can attend a maximum of two settings in a single day and if your child attends more than one setting the funding will split fairly between the settings.

**Early Years Pupil Premium:**

The Early years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is an additional sum of money paid to childcare providers for children of families who meet certain criteria, please see the following web address:

[https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/315/help\\_with\\_childcare\\_costs/1760/early\\_years\\_pupil\\_premium](https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/info/315/help_with_childcare_costs/1760/early_years_pupil_premium)

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. For more information please speak to your childcare provider. If you believe that your child may qualify for the EYPP please ensure your details are provided on the parent/carer agreement form under '**Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) and/or childcare for working parents/carers**' to enable the local authority to confirm eligibility.

**Disability Access Fund:**

Three and four-year-old children who are in receipt of child disability living allowance and are receiving the funded entitlement are eligible for the Disability Access Fund (DAF). DAF is paid to the child's early years setting as a fixed annual rate of £910 per eligible child, if you are splitting hours with different settings it is important that you please nominate the setting you wish to receive this fund on the parent/carer agreement form and attach a copy of your child's disability living allowance letter from DWP to the parent/carer agreement form.

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- **Your child is entitled to a maximum of 570 hours over 38 weeks of the year (term time).** The maximum Nursery Education Funding a parent/carer can claim per week for each child is 15 hours universal and/or 15 hours extended (if applicable). If you wish to claim the maximum 15 universal hours and/or 15 extended hours, you can do this over no more than 38 weeks of the year, which equals 570 universal hours and/or 570 extended hours in total. You can claim a maximum of 10 hours on one day. The minimum is 1 hour. With the agreement of your childcare provider, you can stretch your 570 hours over more than 38 weeks per year, in accordance to the funding periods we set, however over the year you will not receive more than 570 hours.
- Your child can attend up to two providers (or three providers if also claiming extended hours funding), in order to receive their funded entitlement. Please discuss with your providers how many hours you wish to claim with each provider and record this on the parent/carer agreement. **Please note if a claim is submitted for more than one provider and the total hours claimed amount to more than the maximum funded entitlement for the period, the local authority will contact all providers regarding the over claim of funding and a decision will need to be taken as to where the funding will be allocated. If your child attends for more than the maximum funded hours for each period, you will have to pay the provider/ providers for the additional hours.**
- You should only claim for the number of hours you know your child will be **regularly** attending and no more. **You are not required to deduct hours for holidays and short absences.**
- **Please state on the parent/carer agreement form whether your child is attending another provider and the total number of funded hours for the period you wish to claim with that provider. Please remember that this includes school nurseries/pre-schools, lower and special schools and any providers outside of the local authority.**
- A parent/carer agreement form must be completed for each term that you make a claim.
- The parent/carer agreement form, along with providing evidence of your child's identity, date of birth and current address (with correct postcode), is your provider's assurance that they have done what they can to minimise the possibility of fraudulent applications for funding. It will also help if double funding has occurred and the Council investigates the matter.
- The parent / carer agreement is a formal agreement between the provider and the parent/carer of the child.
- Parent/Carer agreement can only be broken or amended under the following circumstances:
  - If the family leaves the area
  - If the family's circumstances change i.e. new job / unemployment
  - Child with a long-term sickness
  - To accommodate changing shift patterns
  - Provision not appropriate to the child's needs
- If a parent/carer wishes to increase or change their child's attendance after headcount has taken place and this change is not covered by the above list of reasons the provider will be entitled to charge for these additional hours. If your child attends a school run provision and the change occurs after school census week, then the school is entitled to charge you for any additional hours.
- This Parent/Carer agreement form will be signed by the parent/carer and uploaded to a secure system by the provider to Central Bedfordshire Council.

#### **DELAYED ADMISSIONS**

Parents/carers should be aware that the scheme allows school nurseries / pre-schools to make appropriate arrangements for phasing intakes of eligible pupils in the first 4 weeks of term. As the child is on roll, he/she will be included on schools' claim for funding. Provided that admission is not delayed beyond the first 4 weeks of term, the school can claim the full amount.

**Therefore, parents/carers who choose to send their child to a day nursery/private, voluntary or independent pre-school/childminder whilst waiting to be admitted to a school nursery/pre-school during the first 4 weeks of term will not be eligible for any additional funding. In these circumstances the childcare provider may charge the parent/carer for the hours accessed whilst the child is awaiting a phased intake into the school. If entry into the school is beyond the first 4 weeks of the term, the childcare provider may claim funding.**