

Funded Childcare at Shapes – What do we offer?

At Shapes we stretch the funding across the 51 weeks of the year that we are open (please see our Funding Terms & Conditions for more details). This means you receive a maximum of 11.18 hours per week for the Universal funding or a maximum of 22.35 hours per week for the Working Parent Entitlement Funding. For children accessing their funding at Shapes but attending more than just their funded hours, normal session times will apply and additional hours will be charged at the normal non-funded rate (please see our invoice breakdown examples in the fee section of the website). This is separate from the non-mandatory charges outlined below.

Funded Childcare: Additional Voluntary Charges

Early years funding provided by the government is not intended to cover the full cost of childcare. It does not cover the cost of meals and snacks provided during your funded hours or additional services such as extra curricular activities and special events. To cover these costs we request that parents pay a voluntary weekly fee which will be included in your monthly invoice amount and shown on your fees breakdown.

Additional Weekly Voluntary Charges (Based on claiming all of your available funded hours at Shapes)			
<i>Age Group</i>	<i>Meals & Snacks (During funded hours)</i>	<i>Additional Services**</i>	Weekly Total
Under 2s	£19.50	£8.00	£27.50
2 Year Olds	£21.50	£10.00	£31.50
3 & 4 Year Olds (Universal funding)	£12.00	£12.00	£24.00
3 & 4 Year Olds (Working Parent Entitlement Funding)	£26.00	£12.00	£28.00

For a breakdown of how the weekly meal and snack charges are calculated please see tables below. **If you cannot or would prefer not to pay these charges, please contact your Nursery Manager to discuss what alternatives are available to you.** These may include but are not limited to: paying a reduced rate of the additional charges outlined above, waiving of charges for meals and additional services.

We regret that we are unable to offer the option for parents to provide packed snacks and lunches for their children due to the nature and severity of the food allergies of children in the nursery. It is also our policy at Shapes not to exclude any child from an

activity if they want to participate. It would therefore not be an option for your child to sit out of classes or experiences being offered in the nursery.

**Additional Services: Including but not limited to: Extra-curricular classes (e.g. Rhythm & Play, Dance, Spanish), Zoolab visits, Living Eggs Experience, Events & Parties: Christmas party, Teddy Bears Picnic, Graduation, Father's/Mother's Day)

Funded Childcare: Voluntary Charges for Meals & Snacks

Additional Daily Voluntary Charges for Meals & Snacks (Claiming Working Parent Entitlement Funding)				
Age Group	Funded day 1 with 8.5 funded hours	Funded day 2 with 8.5 funded hours	Funded day 3 with 5.35 funded hours	Weekly Total
Under 2s	£7.50	£7.50	£4.50	£19.50
2 Year Olds	£8.25	£8.25	£5.00	£21.50
3 & 4 Year Olds	£10.00	£10.00	£6.00	£26.00

Additional Daily Voluntary Charges for Meals & Snacks (Claiming Universal Funding)			
Age Group	Funded day 1 with 5.59 funded hours	Funded day 2 with 5.59 funded hours	Weekly Total
3 & 4 Year Olds	£6.00	£6.00	£12.00

Funded Childcare: Accessing your funded hours only

If you wish access your funded hours only please see our Funding Terms & Conditions for more details of how these are offered.