

Lower Covey Montessori Nursery



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Early Education Funding – Lower Covey Ltd Parent Guide

Valid from 1st April 2023

Background:

Parents are advised that every childcare setting will allow parents to utilise their available Early Education Funding in different ways, no setting is the same. Settings are advised to issue their fees, session times and terms and conditions to parents in line with the guidance issued to them through the Dorset Council Early Years Provider Agreement.

It is important to us that you as parents have a clear understanding of how your nursery fees are calculated. To assist you we have produced this Parent Guide to clearly demonstrate the number of funded hours your child is entitled to use per week during the different terms throughout the year. Please note your child's monthly invoices may differ throughout the year depending on the number of funded hours they are eligible to claim, particularly if they are on an All Year Round contract.

At Lower Covey Montessori Nursery there is a week during the summer term where funding is not permitted – please review our nursery calendar for further details of our term dates, nursery closures and non-funded week.

Early Education Funding for eligible 2, 3 & 4 year olds:

The government issued Early Education Funding can be claimed on both the All Year Round (AYR) and Term Time Only (TTO) contracts during the hours of 8.45am to 12.15pm (3 ½ hours) and 13.30pm to 16.30pm (3 hours). The maximum daily allocation of funding that can be used at Lower Covey Montessori Nursery is 6 ½ hours.

Eligible 2 year olds are entitled to a maximum of 15 hours per week.

3 & 4 year olds are automatically entitled to a maximum of 15 hours per week. Eligible 3 & 4 year old children will be able to claim a maximum of **30 hours per week**. ALL parents are encouraged to visit the following Dorset Council website to check their child's funding eligibility: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/childcare/childcare-funding/30-hours-funded-childcare-for-3-and-4-year-olds> If your child is awarded a **30 hours code**, parents are advised to ensure it is reconfirmed every 3 months via your online account – failure to do so will lose your access to this additional funding.

Some 3 & 4 year olds will be eligible to claim **Early Years Pupil Premium** alongside their Early Education Funding entitlement. You are likely to qualify if you receive one of the following benefits:

- Income support
- Income based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit Run-on, paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit and earn no more than £7,400 a year
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit

You may also be eligible if your child:

- has been looked after by the local authority in care for at least one day
- has been adopted from care or has left care through special guardianship
- is subject to a child arrangement order

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Funded hours break down per term & contract type

Summer Term 2023 (1st April 2023 to 31st August 2023):

Term Time Only Contract (13 weeks)	15 hours (Max of 195 hours for term)	195 hours / 13 weeks = max 15 hours per week
	30 hours (Max of 390 hours for term)	390 hours / 13 weeks = max 30 hours per week
All Year Round Contract (21 weeks)	15 hours (Max of 195 hours for term)	195 hours / 21 weeks = max 9.25 hours per week
	30 hours (Max of 390 hours for term)	390 hours / 21 weeks = max 18.5 hours per week

Autumn Term 2023 (1st September 2023 to 31st December 2023):

Term Time Only Contract (14 weeks)	15 hours (Max of 210 hours for term)	210 hours / 14 weeks = max 15 hours per week
	30 hours (Max of 420 hours for term)	420 hours / 14 weeks = max 30 hours per week
All Year Round Contract (16 weeks)	15 hours (Max of 210 hours for term)	210 hours / 16 weeks = max 13 hours per week
	30 hours (Max of 420 hours for term)	420 hours / 16 weeks = max 26.25 hours per week

Spring Term 2024 (1st January 2024 to 31st March 2024):

Term Time Only Contract (11 weeks)	15 hours (Max of 165 hours for term)	165 hours / 11 weeks = max 15 hours per week
	30 hours (Max of 330 hours for term)	330 hours / 11 weeks = max 30 hours per week
All Year Round Contract (13 weeks)	15 hours (Max of 165 hours for term)	165 hours / 13 weeks = max 12.5 hours per week
	30 hours (Max of 330 hours for term)	330 hours / 13 weeks = max 25.25 hours per week

Summer Term 2024 (1st April 2024 to 31st August 2024):

Term Time Only Contract (13 weeks)	15 hours (Max of 195 hours for term)	195 hours / 13 weeks = max 15 hours per week
	30 hours (Max of 390 hours for term)	390 hours / 13 weeks = max 30 hours per week
All Year Round Contract (21 weeks)	15 hours (Max of 195 hours for term)	195 hours / 21 weeks = max 9.25 hours per week
	30 hours (Max of 390 hours for term)	390 hours / 21 weeks = max 18.5 hours per week

All Year Round - Annual Stretched Funding Offer:

(Please note this option is only applicable if your child will claim 3 & 4 year old funding for the WHOLE academic year, commencing in September through to the following August):

Autumn Term 2023 (16 weeks)	15 hours	16 weeks x 11.25 hours = 180 hours	
	30 hours		16 weeks x 22.75 hours = 364 hours
Spring Term 2024 (13 weeks)	15 hours	13 weeks x 11.25 hours = 146.25 hours	
	30 hours		13 weeks x 22.75 hours = 295.75 hours
Summer Term 2024 (21 weeks)	15 hours	21 weeks x 11.25 hours = 236.25 hours	
	30 hours		21 weeks x 22.75 hours = 477.75 hours
Yearly Total of Funding Hours Used (2023/2024)	15 hours	180 + 146.25 + 236.25 = 562.5 hours	
	30 hours		364 + 295.75 + 477.75 = 1137.5 hours

The nursery sessions, times and associated fees are available within our Nursery Fees document. Parents and carers should review the Nursery Fees to ensure they are familiar with the drop off and collection times for their child's session, along with associated snack and consumable charges that may be applicable for all funded sessions. Further information can be found on our website www.lowercovey.co.uk or by emailing finance@lowercovey.co.uk.