



# Welcome to Universal 15 Hours Funded Childcare for 3-4 Year Olds with Partou

## What is the Universal 15 Hours Funded Childcare?

All 3-4 year olds are entitled to 15 funded hours of childcare a week for 38 term weeks of the year regardless of family income or circumstances and benefit status. This equates to 570 funded hours of childcare per year at a maximum of 10 hours per day as applied by the Local Authority.

## How can I use my funded childcare hours?

These 570 weeks can be accessed in different ways to suit your family's requirements:

Attendance Type	How Funding is Calculated	Hours Per Week
Term Time Only	$570 \div 38$ term weeks	15 per week
<b>Year-round stretched over 51 weeks*</b>	$570 \div 51$ weeks	11.17 per week
<b>Year-round stretched over 52 weeks*</b>	$570 \div 52$ weeks	10.96 per week

\*Please note whether your funding is stretched over 51 or 52 weeks will be determined by how many weeks of the year your nursery is open for.



Term dates vary across Local Authorities and if you join the nursery midway through a term, the number of funded weeks left in the term will impact how your funding is applied.

Here is an example of how that could work:

	Term		
	Autumn	Spring	Summer
	(Sept – Dec)	(Jan-March)	(April-Aug)
Number of funding weeks available per the Local Authority	14	11	13
<b>15 hours per week stretched and delivered weekly</b>			
Child is 3 years old before the start of the Autumn Term	38 weeks x 15 hours = 570 hours per year, divided by 51 weeks = 11.18 funded hours will be delivered per week.		
Child is 3 years old after the start of the Autumn Term but before the start of the Spring Term	Not Eligible	24 weeks x 15 hours = 360 hours, divided by 35 weeks = 10.29 funded hours will be delivered per week.  This consists of the Spring and Summer terms (i.e. until the end of the Academic Year) divided by the 35 weeks in the Jan – Aug period.	
Child is 3 years old after the start of the Spring term but before the start of the Summer Term	Not Eligible	Not Eligible	13 weeks x 15 hours = 195 hours, Divided by the 22 weeks in the April – Aug period = 8.86 funded hours will be delivered per week.

For more information on the term duration and dates set by your Local Authority, please check your [Partou Nursery page](#).



The 15 hours funding covers the cost of childcare only which is why you will see additional charges on your invoice breakdown for meals and snacks, consumables, and extras to ensure that we can continue to provide your child with a high quality and enriching nursery experience and nutrition. You can read more about the optional meals and snacks, consumables, and extras charges [here](#).

## Accessing the Universal 15 Hours Funded Childcare

As this is a universal entitlement, you don't need an eligibility code, however you will need to sign a Free Early Years Entitlement Parental Declaration form which will be sent to you via Funding Loop.

Funding Loop is the online system Partou nurseries use to collect completed Parental Declaration forms each term which are needed to claim funded childcare hours from the Local Authority.

Look out for emails from [funding@mail.fundingloop.co.uk](mailto:funding@mail.fundingloop.co.uk) and please try to complete and return these as quickly as possible to make sure that your funding is confirmed for the term ahead.



### Key dates for accessing funding:

Period your child turns 3 in:	Term you can access the universal 3-4 year old 15 hours funding:
1st January – 31st March	Term starting on or after 1st April
1st April – 31st August	Term starting on or after 1st September
1st September – 31st December	Term starting on or after 1st January

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