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3 & 4-Year-old Funding Offer

Morris Minors childcare is happy to offer the 3 & 4-year-old funding provided by KCC:

KCC FUNDING OFFER

“15 hours of Free Childcare for 3- and 4-year-olds is available to all children who meet the age criteria, **for a maximum of 570 hours** per child for their funding year, known as **universal entitlement/funding**.

“30 Hours of Free Childcare for 3- and 4-year-olds is available to eligible working families and is the 570 universal entitlement plus an additional 570 hours, **totaling 1140 hours** per child for their funding year, known as **extended entitlement/funding**.”

When a child’s first year of funding starts is dependent on their date of birth and can be identified using the chart below.

A child born between:	
1 April to 31 August (inclusive)	The start of term 1 following their third birthday (after summer holidays) until statutory school age.
1 September to 31 December (inclusive)	The start of term 3 following their third birthday (after Christmas and New Year holiday) until statutory school age.
1 January to 31 March (inclusive)	The start of term 5 following their third birthday (after April holiday) until statutory school age.

Free Early Education is administered over three academic terms, Autumn, Spring and Summer.

KCC agree that providers can offer the funding between 38 and up to 52 weeks of the year (provided they are open to children for 52 weeks a year). However, as Morris Minors is not open for 52 weeks of the year, I can only offer funding between 38 and 48 weeks. Therefore, there are two options available to you

- 1) Over 38 weeks at a maximum of 15 hours per week known as ‘**term time**’ or ‘**non-Stretched**’ funding.
- 2) Over 48 weeks at a maximum of 12 hours per week known as ‘**stretched**’ funding.



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It is very important to note that if you choose to '**stretch**' funding to cover the holiday periods and claim 12 hours per week over 48 weeks, the last term will stop being funded after 570 hours as this is KCC's funding limit. Effectively this means that KCC will fund 12 hours per week for 47.5 weeks.

For example, if a child currently attends my setting for 14 hours each week. This means that for the first 47 weeks, KCC will fund 12 hours and you pay for 2 hours, but on the 48th week KCC will fund 6 hours and you pay for 8 hours.

The total hours claimed for your child would be **576**. Therefore, taking you over the maximum of **570** hours. This means that in the last term of a child's funding year, KCC will stop the funding when 570 hours has been reached. calculate when the maximum 570 hours has been reached and the payment will be capped. After the 570 hours my normal fees will be in place.

This will leave you responsible for payment of the remaining 6 hours if you wish your child to attend or you can choose not to send for the 6 non funded hours.

Your Funding

The first question is.

a) How many hours of childcare are you entitled to?

If you head to this website, it tells you what the criteria are and how to apply.
[30 hours free childcare - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](http://www.gov.uk)

b) How do you want to use those hours?

They can be split anyway that you choose, between a maximum of 3 providers. For example, Pre-School/Nursery and Childminder. However, you may find that each setting has their own individual funding policy and how they deliver the funding, so it is definitely worth investigating this first.

15 Universal Hours

Everyone is entitled to 15 hours of funded childcare the term after their child turns 3. These are known as the "universal hours". For the 15 universal hours you do not need to do anything apart from fill in a "Parent Declaration Form" with each of your childcare providers on a termly basis. Each provider will then enter the agreed funding details into a portal to obtain funding.

15 Extended Hours

If you are eligible for 30 hours of funded childcare (15 universal plus 15 extended), you will receive a 30 Hour Eligibility Code which you will need to be validated every 3 months via the website to confirm that your details are up to date. You will get a text and/or email 4 weeks before your reconfirmation deadline. This will prompt you to [log into your childcare account](#). You can reconfirm your eligibility up to 4 weeks before your reconfirmation date.

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What if I miss the reconfirmation deadline?

Your eligibility for Tax-Free Childcare and/or 30 hours free childcare will end if you miss the reconfirmation deadline. You'll get a message to confirm that:

If your child receives 30 hours free childcare, you'll be able to keep your childcare place for a grace period. This varies from term to term and is set by Kent County Council. A grace period will always end at the end of a term. The grace period only applies if your child is already in a 30 hour place when you fall out of eligibility.

I understand this to mean that if you fail to reconfirm within the allotted time and you wish to keep using the same number of hours you will be liable for the shortfall until the next entitlement period, which is in general the next term.

Stretched Funding

If you are using a full year-round place i.e., your child attends in the holidays, you may wish to "stretch" funding. This is when all the available hours are added up and split over 48 weeks (the number of weeks I am open) instead of 38 (the number of term time funded weeks) Therefore instead of 15 hours per week you may get 11, but then your rate in the holiday remains the same. So, it would be 11 hours for 48 weeks and the remaining hours per week would be paid at the normal rate.

This option is not available if your child is term time only.

When we come to filling in the contracts you will need to decide which provider is having which hours and whether you would like to stretch your hours with me or not. We can talk that through at the time.

Additional Costs

"Government funding is intended to deliver 15 or 30 hours a week of free, high quality, flexible childcare. It is not intended to cover the costs of meals, other consumables, additional hours or additional activities..... Parents can also expect to pay for other consumables or additional activities offered by the provider, such as nappies or trips." This quote is taken from the following publication:-

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/718181/Early_years_entitlements-operational_guidance.pdf

There will be a supplemental charge of £1.45 per funded hour to cover food, petrol, and parking for trips out. Any unfunded hours are charged at the normal rate of £6 per hour.

If you have any questions about the above, then please do contact me to discuss.



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