

# Funded Early Education and Care Funding



## Grass Roots Nursery Group: Funded Early Education and Care Funding (FEEC) Policy

### Purpose:

To provide clear information and procedures regarding Funded Early Education and Care Funding (FEEC) at Grass Roots Nursery Group, ensuring families can access their entitlements effectively.

### Key Principles:

- **Eligibility:** Clearly outline eligibility criteria for FEEC funding.
- **Funding Amounts:** Inform families of the available funding hours.
- **Flexibility:** Explain the options for using FEEC funding.
- **Attendance Requirements:** Emphasise the importance of regular attendance for receiving funding.
- **Application Process:** Provide step-by-step guidance for applying for FEEC.
- **Communication:** Maintain open communication with families regarding FEEC funding and any changes.

### FEEC Eligibility and Funding Amounts

- **New Government Guidance for Working Families:** This policy reflects the new government guidance for funding children from 9 months.
- You are entitled to a maximum of 15 or 30 hours of funded sessions per week for 38 weeks a year.
  - 9 months to 2 years old, can get up to 15 hours per week of funded childcare
  - 3 to 4 years old, can get up to 30 hours per week of funded childcare
- You can choose to use either the 15 or 30-hour option (if eligible) and to use the funding term time (38 weeks per year) or stretched across the full year (51 weeks).

### Flexibility

- Use FEEC funding at any registered setting or with registered childminders.
- Combine your entitlement across different settings or childcare arrangements.

### Attendance Requirements

- Repeated absences on funded days without written explanation may result in the local authority requesting repayment of received funding.
- Inform your keyworker or childcare provider in advance if your child will be absent.

### Applying for FEEC

- Apply for working parents funding from 9 months:  
<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working>
- Apply for 2 year old families receiving government support online at:  
[www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/childcare/childcare-funding](http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/residents/education-and-learning/childcare/childcare-funding)
- All children aged 3 or 4 years are entitled to universal 15 hours of funded childcare, no application if necessary (starting the term after their 3rd birthday until the september after their 4th birthday).

## **Funding Code and Decision**

- When you receive your funding code and the decision regarding funding allocation, send it to the nursery as soon as possible.

## **Additional Information**

- Declare any FEEC sessions your child receives elsewhere.
- Not applying for funding and receiving the code before your child's start date may result in you being unable to claim funded education for the term.

## **FEEC Eligibility Timeline**

### **For funding from 9 months:**

Parents who plan to start or return to work on or before 31 January 2025 can apply for a code from 1 September 2024 to use from 1 January 2025.

For parents starting or returning to work on or after 1 February 2025, the following dates will apply:

<b>Date of starting or returning to work</b>	<b>When you can apply from</b>	<b>When you can access your entitlement from</b>
1 October 2024 to 31 January 2025	1 September 2024 to 31 December 2025	1 January 2025
1 February 2025 to 30 April 2025	1 January 2025 to 31 March 2025	1 April 2025
1 May 2025 to 30 September 2025	1 April 2025 to 31 August 2025	1 September 2025

### **For 2 and 3 year funding:**

<b>Child's 2nd/3rd Birthday</b>	<b>When Your Child Will Receive FEEC Funding</b>
1 September - 31 December	Spring term (January)
1 January - 31 March	Summer term (April)
1 April - 31 August	Autumn term (September)

**Grass Roots Private Day Nursery is committed to supporting families in accessing FEEC funding. If you have any questions regarding eligibility or the application process, please do not hesitate to contact the nursery manager.**