



Tender Years Nursery Funding Update - April 2025 Onwards

Our Commitment to Accessible Childcare

At Tender Years, we're committed to providing high-quality early childhood education while making it accessible to all families. By participating in government-funded hours, we aim to:

- *Support working families by reducing prohibitive childcare costs*
- *Promote gender equity in the workforce*
- *Enhance child development and school readiness*
- *Enable greater work flexibility for parents*
- *Contribute to positive long-term educational outcomes*

New Funding Eligibility from September 2025

Most working families with children aged 9 months to 5 years will qualify for 30 funded hours per week. This represents a significant expansion of the current program.

Funding Rates (From 1st April 2025)

Bolton Council's hourly reimbursement rates:

- 9 months+ Funding: £10.64 per funded hour
- 2 Year Funding: £7.59 per funded hour
- 3 Year Funding: £5.23 per funded hour

Annual Funding Breakdown

As Tender Years Day Nursery is an all year-round nursery, we stretch the 38-week entitlement across 52 weeks:

****15 Hours Entitlement (570 annual hours)****

- 9 months+: £6,064.80 annually (£505.40 monthly deduction)
- 2 Years: £4,326.30 annually (£360.52 monthly deduction)
- 3 Years: £2,981.10 annually (£248.42 monthly deduction)

****30 Hours Entitlement (1,140 annual hours)****

- 3 Years: £5,962.20 annually (£496.85 monthly deduction)

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Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for funded childcare in 2025:

- Both parents must be working (or sole parent in single-parent families)
- Each parent must earn between £8,670 and £100,000 annually (adjusted net income)
- Must work equivalent of 16+ hours weekly at minimum wage

You may also qualify if:

- You're on maternity, paternity, parental, or adoption leave
- You're temporarily on statutory sick pay
- One parent is working while the other has substantial caregiving duties and receives applicable benefits
- One parent is working while the other is disabled/incapacitated and receives applicable benefits

Important Information About Funded Hours

- Additional activities (Swimming, Football, Spanish) are charged separately
- Charges apply for meals, snacks, nappies/wipes and other consumables during funded sessions
- Funded placements have equal rights and access to services
- Invoices will clearly show funding deductions and any private fees

How to Apply

1. Wait for specific instructions from Tender Years before applying
2. Apply through either:
 - Childcare Choices: www.childcarechoices.gov.uk
 - Government Portal: <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/>

Once approved, you'll receive a unique code to provide to Tender Years. Please allow up to 10 business days for processing.

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Additional Financial Support

- Tax-Free Childcare provides a 2:1 government match (up to £2,000 per child)
- Can be used alongside funded hours to cover supplemental charges
- Similar eligibility criteria to the 30-hour funding

Maintaining Your Funding

- Renew your eligibility codes every 3 months
- Watch for email renewal reminders
- Complete periodic reviews to reflect any changes in circumstances
- Failing to renew could result in loss of funding
- Once you have received your code starting with 5001....., there is no need to reapply as your child moves up in age.

Next Steps

1. Await specific application instructions from Tender Years
2. Complete the attached contract for funding claims
3. Contact us with any questions about the funding process

For any clarification or assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team.

Sincerely,

Rachel Critchley

Tender Years Proprietor

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Early Years Funding Entitlement Enrolment Form

Name of Child	
Childs Date of Birth	
Name of Parent	
Unique eligibility Code	
Parent National Insurance Number	

Please tick **one** option

- ☐ Having read the criteria in the attached letter, I believe **I am** eligible for the 30 hours extended entitlement, subject to online confirmation.
- ☐ Having read the criteria in the attached letter, I believe **I am** eligible for the 2 Year - 15 hours funding entitlement, subject to online confirmation.
- ☐ Having read the criteria in the attached letter, I believe **I am** eligible for the 9 month – 15 hours funding entitlement, subject to online confirmation.

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- ☐ Having read the criteria in the attached letter, I believe **I am NOT** eligible for the 30 hours extended entitlement, subject to online confirmation.
- ☐ Having read the criteria in the attached letter, I believe **I am NOT** eligible for the 2 Year - 15 hours funding entitlement, subject to online confirmation.
- ☐ Having read the criteria in the attached letter, I believe **I am NOT** eligible for the 9 month – 15 hours funding entitlement, subject to online confirmation.

If you have ticked this option, please sign and return the form to Rachel or Jordan at Tender Years Day Nursery. You do not need to fill in the sections below

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PLEASE CONFIRM THE SESSIONS YOU HAVE / WANT YOUR CHILD TO ATTEND NURSERY .
THIS WILL ALLOW ME TO CONFIRM OUR NUMBERS AS A NUMBER OF PARENTS HAVE
REQUESTED CHANGES.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
AM					
PM					

Please return this form to Rachel or Jordan as soon as possible

Signed _____ Date _____

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Nursery Proprietor: Rachel Critchley

Manager: Jordan Blaskovics

Deputy Manager: Lisa Brett

Fee Structure (from April 2025)

Full Day Session (8.00am-6.00pm)	Fees	Fees Per month (averaged over the year)
1 Day	£61.00	£264.33
2 Days	£122.00	£528.67
3 Days	£183.00	£793.00
4 Days	£244.00	£1057.33
5 Days	£305.00	£1321.67

Half Day Sessions (8.00am-1.00pm) or (1.00pm – 6.00pm)	Fees	Fees Per month (averaged over the year)
1 x ½ Day	£48.00	£208.00
2 x ½ Day	£96.00	£416.00
3 x ½ Day	£144.00	£624.00
4 x ½ Day	£192.00	£832.00
5 x ½ Day	£240.00	£1040.00

Additional Fees	
Late Pick Up Fee	£12.00 every 15 minutes
Late Payment Fee	£10.00 per day

Discounts	
Sibling Discount	10%
9m & 2 Year Educational Funding - 11 hrs per week	52 weeks of the year
3 & 4 Year Educational Funding - 22 hrs per week	52 weeks of the year

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