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EARLY EDUCATION FUNDING.

Dear Parent,

It's that time of year for completing funding forms again. Some of you have previously claimed Early Education Funding, but for some of you it will be a new experience!

The system is fairly complicated and is set up by the Government and Local Education Authority, but I will attempt to unravel it for you.

First of all there is an age qualification – you are able to claim for the Early Education Funding the terms after your child's third birthday, that is:

A child that is 3 before 31st March qualifies for the Summer term.

A child that is 3 before 31st August qualifies for the Autumn term.

A child that is 3 before 31st December qualifies for the Spring term.

The funding now covers all 51 weeks of the year at up to 11.0 hours per week at £4.25 per hour. (i.e. a maximum of 570 hours in any year) This therefore means that the variation in monthly invoices will be much less, as funding will be included every month.

This is where it begins to get complicated!

The grant, as directed by N.C.C., has to be given out at no less than 2½ hourly amounts per day. At Angels Nursery

1 session has 2 ½ hours of funding applied

2 sessions has 5 hours of funding applied

3 sessions has 7 ½ hours of funding applied

leaving 3.5 hours of funding for the 4th session to make 11.0 hours of funding per week of free entitlement.

This means that if you have 4 sessions booked per week the equivalent hourly rate increases as 3.5 hours of the final session are funded, as opposed to 2 ½ hours.

Please note – If your child attends two settings and you wish to claim at both settings please make us aware of this so that we can ensure you claim the maximum amount available to you.

Please bring your child's birth certificate and proof of postcode e.g. a utility bill in order for us to claim the funding on your behalf.

Finally anyone who is claiming the Early Education Funding for the first time must return the parental contract together with their child's birth certificate and a utility bill that details your postcode. If proof of postcode and date of birth have not been seen the funding cannot be paid.

Anyone who has previously claimed, your child's birth certificate and postcode have, of course, already been checked, so please just return the parental contract. If however you have moved house since the last claim you will need to provide proof of postcode again.

Could all forms please be returned to the nursery no later than April to ensure that all paperwork is received by the County by their headcount date.

If you have any further questions or need clarity on any of these details, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

Kind regards,

Helen Thompson
Nursery Manager