

Childcare Funding at Little Jungle – School of Early Childhood

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1. At Little Jungle we offer the following funding, which we claim on parents and carers behalf from Southwark Council:
 - 15 and 30 hours per week per term Working Parent funding for 9+ month-old and 2+ year-old children. This funding is based on parent and carer eligibility.
 - 15 hours per week per term of Universal Free Entitlement Funding for all children over the age of 3 years old. There are no eligibility criteria for this funding.
 - 15 extended hours per week per term of Working Parent Funding for all children over the age of 3 years-old bringing the total number of funded hours for eligible 3-year-olds to 30 hours per week per term. This funding is based on parent and carer eligibility.
2. Funding is applied for per term. Terms start on 1st September, 1st of January and 1st of April.
3. As funding is worked out per term, and Little Jungle is open for 49 weeks of the year, the funding is spread across our operating weeks to give a monthly funding figure for each age group. This means that instead of working out funding by term (i.e. 15 hours or 30 hours per week), funding is worked out by month.
4. When offers are sent out for new children to join Little Jungle (usually in Spring) we will not know if parents and carers are eligible for the funding offered by Southwark. The offers will therefore be made using non-funded fees. This will likely mean that the first payment a parent or carer makes to secure their child's place will be non-funded. Once funding is confirmed, this will then be credited to the parent or carers via the Little Jungle child account.
5. Confirming eligibility is the responsibility of all parents and carers, and although we will endeavour to send reminders, if the deadline for confirming eligibility is missed by a parent or carer we will have no choice but to charge full and non-funded fees. Our current fee structure can be found on the Admissions page of our website.
6. More information about funding eligibility, funding in general and support is available to parents and carers here:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

www.gov.uk/check-eligible-free-childcare-if-youre-working