



## Our Funding Policy

Growing Patch offers a wide range of funding options for families, please see below to see what we offer:

### **Early Years Education Funding Entitlements Available**

Following the term after the child's birthday you could be entitled to funded hours, these are:

#### **· Universal 15 hours for 3–4-year-olds.**

All children aged 3 and above have access to 570 hours of funded childcare per year.

#### **· Working parent entitlement.**

Alongside the universal funded hours, we offer the working parent entitlement for children aged 9 months to 4 years. This is currently offered as 570 hours funded for children aged 9 months, 2-year-olds and 3-year-olds. However, 3-year-olds may be entitled to an additional 570 hours per year under the working parent entitlement eligibility.

From September 2025, children who are eligible for the working parent entitlement funding could be entitled to an additional 570 hours per year of funded childcare from 9 months onwards.

#### **· 2 help funded hours.**

2 help funding is available for parents who are in receipt of income support or universal credit. This is offered as 570 hours per year funded childcare.

### **Information on all the Early Years Funding can be found here:**

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

### **How to check your eligibility for funded childcare**

Parents can check their eligibility for 30 hours through the childcare calculator (<https://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator>) and apply for 30 hours and Tax-Free Childcare through the Childcare services (<https://www.gov.uk/sign-in-childcare-account>).

If eligible, you will receive an 11-digit eligibility code. Before you can book a place, you must bring your code, national insurance number and child's birth certificate so we can check it's valid.

Every 3 months parents will need to confirm that the details they entered on their applications are up to date. The government will send email reminders and text messages to do this.

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### How Growing Patch offers Early Years Funding

At Growing Patch, we offer the funding over 38 weeks however, the academic year is 39 weeks. Therefore, for the week that is not covered by the EEF we will have to charge you for your child's total hours without the benefit of the EEF.

We also offer this entitlement with a maximum of 25 hours a week depending on your eligibility, not the full 30 hours.

The funding will be in line with Warwickshire Term Dates.

\*Please contact Becky to discuss options if you wish your child to attend full time, 5 days a week, 8am-5pm, as discounts may apply.

### Funding Sessions available at Growing Patch

#### Working Entitlement

- 9-Month-Old Funding: Choose a minimum of 2 sessions and a maximum of 5 sessions per week (10am to 3pm – 5hrs funded = £0)
- 2-Year-Old Funding: Choose a minimum of 2 sessions and a maximum of 5 sessions per week (10am to 3pm – 5hrs funded = £0)
- 3–4-Year-Old Funding: Choose a minimum of 3 sessions per week and a maximum of 5 sessions per week (10am to 3pm – 5hrs funded = £0)

#### 2 Help

- If you are in receipt of the 2Help funding, please contact Becky to discuss alternate options that could be available.

#### Universal Entitlement

- 3–4-Year-Old Universal Funding: Choose a minimum of 3 sessions per week (10am to 3pm – 5hrs funded = £0)

#### Term Time Only

### WE DO NOT OFFER THE STRETCHED OPTION

- 15 hours of funded childcare over 38 weeks (term time) equates to 570 hours of funded childcare per year.
- 30 hours of funded childcare over 38 weeks (term time) equates to 1140 hours of funded childcare per year, however we only offer 25 hours of funding over 38 weeks (term time) equates to 950 hours a year.
- Any additional weeks where Early Years Funding is not accessed, will be charged at the usual nursery fee rates. (as per the fee sheet)

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### Essentials and Additional Items

Early Years Funding is intended to cover the delivery of childcare only. It does not cover the cost of meals and snacks, consumables, additional items or additional hours. The additional items at Growing Patch are as follows:

- Non funded hours will be charged at £10.00 per hour. These additional hours will be between 8am-10am and 3pm-5pm.
- Optional - Breakfast at £1.00 per day
- Optional - AM & PM Snack at £1.00 per day
- Optional - Reheating up food from child's lunchbox at £1.00 per day
- Optional - Evening Meal at £4.00 per day
- Optional - Specialist Tuition (Calypso, PE sessions and Yoga) £5.00 per week
- Optional - Resources for activities that are not directly related to the delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework at £1.00 per day

Growing Patch are mindful of the potential impact of the additional items on parents and will consider parents/carers to:

- Opt in/out of the breakfast/evening meal
- Provide their own snacks
- Opt in/out of specialist tuition
- Opt in/out of Resources for activities that are not directly related to the delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework (EYFS)

Waivers/contributions from extra funding will apply to children who are:

- In receipt (current or previous) of support 2Help funding
- In receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)
- Any other extenuating circumstances

### Non-Funded and Holiday Club Fees

Non-Funded and Holiday Club\* will be charged at the below rates:

6m – 2 Years (Ladybirds)

- 8am – 9am £10.00
- 9am-3pm £56.40
- 3pm-5pm £21.80

2 – 3 Years (Bumblebees)

- 8am – 9am £10.00
- 9am – 3pm £50.22
- 3pm – 5pm £20.55

3 – 4 Years (Butterflies)

- 8am – 9am £10.00
- 9am – 3pm £50.22.
- 3pm – 5pm £20.55

Non funded hours will be charged in line with the term dates, therefore the fees will be charged at the rates above and will change into your child's next age group the term after their birthday.

\*If you wish to book your child into holiday club, forms must be completed and returned to book your child's space.

Children are to provide lunch boxes for holiday club.

### **Parent Declaration Form**

Regulation requires childcare providers to enter a separate funding agreement with parents/carers, called the parent declaration form.

This declaration form must be signed each term. If the parent declaration form is not signed and returned to us Early Years Funding can not be claimed, and the full fees (non-funded) will apply, and you will be charged.

### **Required Documentation**

Regulation requires childcare providers to obtain documentation to evidence eligibility for the Early Years Funding as per below:

- Copies of the child's birth certificate/passport, confirmation of eligibility and a parent's full name, date of birth and national insurance number.

### **Booking Pattern**

Growing Patch requires parents to confirm their booking pattern before the start of a new term, we require one month's notice minimum for a change in contracted hours. Growing Patch is unable to apply funded childcare to any ad-hoc sessions outside of the confirmed booking pattern, therefore these will be charged at full paying price (non-funded hours.)

### **Other types of funding available**

Please see link for details regarding additional funding such as

- Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP)
- Disability Access Fund (DAF)

[Help with childcare costs – Warwickshire County Council](#)

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