



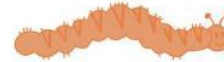
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## Early Education Grants Explained

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE FREE 15 HOURS CHILDCARE?

All children aged three or four years old who live in England are entitled to 15 hours of free early years education or childcare per week. This grant applies for six terms (two academic years). The grant is only available at nurseries that are Ofsted registered. In state run nurseries the grant goes straight to the school. In privately run nurseries the grant is deducted from the termly invoice.

### DOES IT COVER ALL THE FEES AT MARMALADE SCHOOLS?

Along with many other nurseries the 15 hour grant does not fully cover the fees at Marmalade Schools. We charge more than the 15 hour grant in order to be able to provide highly qualified staff, high staff to children ratios and peripatetic teachers – this additional amount is referred to as the Agreed Additional Services Package on your invoice.

### HOW MUCH IS THE GRANT?

The Universal Funded Hours grant was worth £1053 in the winter term 2019 and £842 for Spring 2020 and £810 for the summer term 2020 for 5 mornings (15 hours) or 5 afternoons (15 hours). If your child does less than 15 hours you will receive a proportionally lower grant.

### WHEN WILL MY CHILD BE ELIGIBLE?

This funding starts in the term **after** a child's third birthday. In order to manage the grant the year is split up into three sections which roughly align with the school term times –

AUTUMN TERM - 1<sup>st</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> December

SPRING TERM - 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March

SUMMER TERM – 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> August

A child who turns three on 5<sup>th</sup> January for example is not eligible for the Grant in the Spring Term but is eligible in the Summer Term – essentially the term that starts after they have turned three with reference to the exact dates above.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO ?

Parents do not need to apply for this grant. Marmalade Schools apply on your behalf and manage the paperwork for you.

As part of the audit trail we are required to ask all parents to accept the Grant Conditions and provide proof of your child's age (this is done once when you join the Marmalade family as part of the joining process). On a termly basis all parents sign a Parent Declaration form (to confirm that the money has been deducted from their invoice).

## WHAT OTHER GRANTS ARE THERE?

In addition to the 15 hours Early Education and Childcare grant there are two other grants available but parents must fulfil certain criteria to access these grants:-

### **30 Hours Extended Childcare Offer**

Amongst other criteria parents (a single parent OR both parents individually) must

- work at least 16 hours per week
- earn less than £100,000 a year

### **2 year old Early Education and Childcare Funded Place**

Amongst other criteria parents must be claiming -

Income Support OR job seekers allowance or Employment and Support Allowance

Claiming Universal Credit

Support through the Immigration and Asylum Act