**FEEE FUNDING – EXPLANATION – AN OVERVIEW:**

**WHICH CHILDREN/FAMILIES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE 15 HOURS, ‘FREE’ EDUCATION/CHILDCARE?**

All children aged 3 and 4 years of age, who live in England are entitled to the 15 hours of ‘free’ Early Years education or childcare per week. This ‘grant’ applies to two academic years school terms.

The funding is only available to establishments that are Ofsted registered. In Independent settings the Parents must agree to paying for the full package of agreed services above the basic entitlement that the ‘free’ funded placement offers. The funding is deducted from the terms invoice and the School is issued this funding via the local authority on behalf of the Parent.

**DOES IT COVER ALL THE FEES AT THE TADPOLE’S NURSERY SCHOOLS?**

The Tadpoles Nurseries, along with many other nurseries within England, provide a full and extensive package in their fees, which the 15 hour ‘grant’ does not fully cover. We charge additional fees than the 15 hour ‘grant’ in order to be able to provide such things that include but are not limited to highly qualified staff, high staff to children ratios, extra curricular lessons, experiences and education and peripatetic classes – this additional amount is referred to as the Full and Agreed Additional Services Package.

**FOR THE FEEE FUNDING, WHEN WILL MY CHILD BE ELIGIBLE?**

SPRING TERM : 1st September – 31st December

SUMMER TERM : 1st January – 31st March

AUTUMN TERM : 1st April to 31st August

NB: If your child turns 3 on the 1st September, your child will not be eligible for the grant until the Spring Term as the Autumn term begins after the child turns 3 years of age.

**WHAT DO PARENTS NEED TO DO?**

Parents do not need to apply for this grant. The school will apply on your behalf and will manage the paperwork for you.

As part of the audit trail, you will be asked to complete a Parental Declaration Form and provide proof of your child’s age (this is asked for as part of your ‘joining’ paperwork, when you first enter into the Parent- School contract before your child begins)

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**THE ENTENDED OFFER – 30 HOURS FREE GRANT**

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

These two grants MUST be applied for via the government website – upon creation of a Gateway account. If eligible the Parent must provide the School with their eligibility information inclusive of their unique code prior to the invoice being issued for the term ahead. The Parent is responsible for ensuring that this code is renewed when needed and the School notified of any updates or changes in a timely fashion.

The Parents will also need to accept and pay the additional Fees for the ‘Full and Agreed Additional Services Package’ to benefit from this provision at the Tadpoles Nursery Schools.  Upon acceptance of the place the Parents agree to pay the school fees under the terms and conditions in the Parent-School contract.

**For parents who are looking for the FEEE Funded offer who do not wish to agree to the full 'agreed package of services', please contact the RBKC Family Information Services to find an alternative provider who are able to offer an FEEE funded only place**

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