

## 12. FUNDING

### 12.1 Session Charges



The fees for children under three years old are determined each year. For the school year commencing in September 2019, children under three years old will be charged at a rate of £6.75 per hour and are payable by the term or half term.

You are required to pay for every reserved session, even if your child is absent due to illness, holiday, or other reasons, and you must give a term's written notice of any change in your child's attendance.

Seer Green Pre-School also accepts Childcare Vouchers. Working parents may be offered these through their employer, which enable tax relief to be claimed at source.

### 12.2 Pre-School Education Grant Funding



The fees for 2&1/2 year olds are charged at an hourly rate. Please contact the Pre-School directly for further details. Our hourly rates, registration fee and deposit are all subject to annual review. The fees are payable within 7 days of the date of the invoice. You are required to pay for every reserved session, even if your child is absent due to illness or other reasons, and you must give a term's notice of any change in your child's attendance, otherwise you will be charged for one term's fees.

#### Funding for 2 year olds:

Some children may be eligible for funding before they turn three. Families on low incomes and receiving certain benefits may be eligible for 15 hours of FREE childcare per week for 2 year olds. For more details see: <http://www.buckscc.gov.uk/education/early-years-and-childcare>

#### Funding for 3 and 4 year olds – Universal Entitlement:

All 3 and 4 year olds are entitled to 15 hours per week of Universal Entitlement for 38 weeks per year through the Free Entitlement scheme. This free entitlement can be used at Seer Green Pre-School.

Your child will qualify for funding the term after their third birthday. For funding purposes there are set dates to define term times:

Three years old born between:	Eligible for full funding from:
1 April – 31 August inclusive	The start of autumn term following their third birthday
1 September – 31 December inclusive	The start of spring term following their third birthday
1 January – 31 March inclusive	The start of summer term following their third birthday

Claim forms are sent to the parents of eligible children before the end of the previous term.

Each child is entitled to 15 funded hours, however Seer Green Pre-School only offers 12 hours per week initially as standard, the additional 3 hours can be used at another setting or, subject to availability, your child may be able to attend an additional session (please speak to the Admissions Secretary for more details).

Please note that if children attend for more than 15 hours the additional time is chargeable based on our hourly rate. If you wish to remain within your funded hours please speak to the Operations Manager.

If your 15 hours is split across two settings please keep us informed and ensure this is recorded on your child's PPA-U (Parent/Provider Agreement for Free Entitlement – Universal 3/4 year olds) Form.

**Funding for 3 and 4 year olds of working parents – Universal Entitlement:**

A child will be entitled to the additional free hours (called the Extended Entitlement) from the term after both of the following conditions are satisfied: (1) the child has attained the age of three; (2) the child's parent has a current positive determination of eligibility from HMRC which has then also been verified by BCC to the provider.

Due to the sessions that we run at the Pre-School we are not able to offer a child 30 hours, however you may split this across two settings. This will need to be recorded on your child's PPA-E (Parent/Provider Agreement for Free Entitlement – Extended 3/4 year olds) Form.

**12.3 Voluntary Contributions**



We ask all parents if they would be willing to make a voluntary donation to the Pre-School on a termly basis. This contribution goes directly to the maintenance and running of the Pre-School and enables us to provide a better standard of facilities for the children. If you feel unable to make the contribution suggested, then please contribute whatever you feel that you can afford as every donation helps

**12.4 Gift Aid**



Gift Aid is tax relief on money donated to UK charities. As Seer Green Pre-School is a charity then we are able to claim tax relief on donations through Gift Aid. This is much needed extra income for us.

When you start at the Pre-School we will send you a Gift Aid declaration form that can be made out to cover individual donations, a series of donations, donations made during a specified period or to cover all donations.

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### 12.5 Fundraising



Even with the session fees and kind donations from our parents, fundraising is necessary to improve the facilities and activities we offer the children (replacing broken and worn out toys etc).

The Committee who will lead the planning and organisation of our fundraising activities. In previous years this has included a Fashion Show evening, Pampered Chef party, Christmas shopping evening, Pasta Café, Sausage Sizzle and of course our main fundraiser, the Pre-School Fete.

Your help with these fundraising efforts is very much needed and appreciated, whether you can spare time or provide donations of goods. Requests for help are usually via email and signup sheets are posted on the boards. Please help out where you can, it's good fun to get involved and all our children benefit from it.

There are several fundraising schemes that the Pre-School has joined so please bear this in mind when shopping...

Sainsbury's & Tesco's schemes

Please collect the vouchers and post them in the relevant box at Pre-School.

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/seergreenPre-School](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/seergreenPre-School)

Up to 15% of your purchase value with many popular retailers (Amazon, ebay, Tesco, John Lewis and many more) is raised when you shop online via the site.