

Free Early Years Education

DDC is an approved provider of free Early Years Education in the following forms:

- the Standard Offer,
- Stretched Offer and
- 2 year old Offer.

All the offers provide 570 hours/year of funded childcare.

Standard Offer

Children become eligible for the standard offer after their 3rd birthday on either 1st January, 1st April or 1st September. This is in the form of 15 hours/week for 38 weeks. Our setting puts these 38 weeks within the 39 HCC term time weeks. At the beginning of the academic year we publish which 5 days will not be part of our funded offer, these days are generally spread out between the 3 terms.

Stretched Offer

Children become eligible for the stretched offer after their 3rd birthday on either 1st January, 1st April or 1st September. The DDC stretched offer is 11 hours/week for all the weeks we are open. (We close between Christmas and New Year and on Bank Holidays.) This does not amount to the full 570 hours of funding, therefore at the beginning of each school term we agree a number of weeks for which you will receive a 12th funded hour.

2 Year Old Offer

We can provide both the standard offer and the stretched offer (see above) to 2 year old children that meet certain eligibility requirements. For more information please ask your health visitor, at your Children's Centre or see the Hampshire County Council Website: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/childrens-services/childcare/providers/eye-eyfff/2yo-offer.htm>.

Options for Allocating Early Years Education Funding

We allow Early Years Education funded places to be taken as whole hours for a minimum of 3 hours and a maximum of 10 hours per day. These hours may start between 7:30am and 3pm, on the hour or the half hour and end between 10:30am and 6pm. For example, a 3 hour session could start at 7:30am and finish at 10:30am or start at 3pm and finish at 6pm. An illustration of all the available daily options is overleaf, please get in contact if you would like to discuss.



Options for Allocating 2 and 3 year old Early Years Education Funding on the Standard or Stetched Offer

Start Times	End Times															
	10:30	11:00	11:30	12:00	12:30	13:00	13:30	14:00	14:30	15:00	15:30	16:00	16:30	17:00	17:30	18:00
07:30	3 hours		4 hours		5 hours		6 hours		7 hours		8 hours		9 hours		10 hours	
08:00		3 hours		4 hours		5 hours		6 hours		7 hours		8 hours		9 hours		10 hours
08:30			3 hours		4 hours		5 hours		6 hours		7 hours		8 hours		9 hours	
09:00				3 hours		4 hours		5 hours		6 hours		7 hours		8 hours		9 hours
09:30					3 hours		4 hours		5 hours		6 hours		7 hours		8 hours	
10:00						3 hours		4 hours		5 hours		6 hours		7 hours		8 hours
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11:00								3 hours		4 hours		5 hours		6 hours		7 hours
11:30									3 hours		4 hours		5 hours		6 hours	
12:00										3 hours		4 hours		5 hours		6 hours
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