

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION about FEES

Before registering for a place for your child at the Children's Workshop, we hope you have read our Policy documents and spent time looking at our resources and structure. Your child only gets one shot at this vital stage of being a pre-schooler!

Your child will be eligible for the Early Years Universal Free Early Education Funding from the beginning of the term after his/her 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. You will be given all the necessary paperwork well in advance but you need to have the following information. We are determined to maintain our particularly high standards and we believe that this philosophy is genuinely shared by our parents.

Our Curriculum is based upon, but not limited by, the Foundation Stage which precedes Key Stage 1 and which continues to the end of the Reception Year at Primary school, and we are required to make full records and assessments of your child's progress within the Foundation Stage.

**In order to properly fulfill these pre-school requirements of the Foundation Stage (Prime & Specific areas), children starting at Primary school in September 2022 will be expected to attend a minimum of 3 sessions a week at the Workshop from September 2021.**

**Children starting at Primary school in September 2023 will be required to attend a minimum of 2 sessions per week from September 2021.**

- As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are following current Government Guidance and requesting that children only attend one setting; this is to maintain the health and safety of our children and staff. In addition, parents are asked to bear in mind that it can be very confusing for children who attend more than one setting concurrently. They have to cope with differing structures, different adult and peer group relationships and different routines and standards at a very important but vulnerable stage in their development and this can inhibit their overall progress. Additionally there are considerable extraneous amounts of duplicated paperwork, assessments, and records.
- We accept that occasionally there are exceptions which cannot be avoided but we reserve the right to withdraw the offer of a place at the Workshop where there is dual attendance :
  1. Where the child will be attending so few sessions that the Children's Workshop cannot fulfill the obligations under the Childcare Bill 2006 (rev. 2012) with regard to the Foundation Stage curriculum.
  - Or** 2. Where the Children's Workshop feel the Key Staff cannot provide the quantity and quality of Key Assessments, Observations, Records and Evidence of Achievement as required by the Foundation Stage with special regard to the Prime and Specific Areas.

Where appropriate, the Registration Fee will be refunded.

Most information can be found on our website, [www.childrensworkshop.co.uk](http://www.childrensworkshop.co.uk) but before making a decision, please bear in mind the following:

- Government Early Years Free Early Education funding for 3 and 4 year olds (**universal entitlement**) does not begin until the Term after the child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. **September 2021** for children born April 1<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018), **January 2022** for children who were born Sept 1<sup>st</sup> - Dec 31<sup>st</sup> 2018, **April 2022** for children born Jan1st - March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019. Currently this funding is for a maximum of 15 hours per week.
- There is an additional 15 hours funding available to some working parents called the extended entitlement (or 30 hours). There are strict criteria for this entitlement and parents will have to prove their eligibility. Please note that the maximum number of hours the Children's Workshop can offer is 22 ½ hours/week (5 x sessions of 4 ½ hours).
- Government Early Education funding is for **BASIC** childcare with a staff: ratio of 1 adult: 8 children. **Under the terms of the Childcare Bill 2006, parents are to be charged separately for the additional services and extra-curricula activities and the many other features of the Children's Workshop provision.** If you are not willing to make the additional payment, then you should seriously consider whether the Workshop is the right Setting for your child. If you have a particular financial situation contact Joan Tait in confidence.

- We recommend the use of Childcare Vouchers as the Fees are paid before Tax has been deducted and are therefore very tax-efficient. Ask us for the unique reference numbers to give to your HR departments.
- Children can attend either 3 ¼ hr or 4 ¼ hr sessions (9.00am – 12.15pm or 9.00am – 1.15pm) in Blue Group or 4 ½ hr sessions (9.00am – 1.30pm) in Red Group.
- Children can have extra hours by changing from 3 ¼ hr to 4 ¼ hr sessions in Blue Group if places are available. Sessions cannot be mixed during the week.
- Extra sessions are seldom available during the year.
- All children attending for 4 ¼ or 4 ½ hour sessions require a packed lunch.

#### Our Charges (September 2021):

<b>For children not yet eligible for the Government Early Education Funding (born after August 31<sup>st</sup> 2018)</b>			
Our Fee is £7.60/hour			
<b>3 ¼ hrs sessions (£24.70/session):</b>		<b>4 ¼ hrs sessions (£32.30/session):</b>	
2 sessions per week	£49.40	2 sessions per week	£64.60
3 sessions a week	£74.10	3 sessions a week	£96.90
4 sessions a week	£98.80	4 sessions a week	£129.20
5 sessions a week	£123.50	5 sessions a week	£161.50

#### Charges for those born before August 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 and eligible for the UNIVERSAL entitlement.

3 ¼ hour session will cost £9.75 for the first 15 hours per week\*  
 4 ¼ hour session will cost £12.75 for the first 15 hours per week\*  
 4 ½ hour session will cost £13.50 for the first 15 hours per week\*

\*For more than 15 hours per week the extra hours are charged at £7.60per hour.

<b>Weekly Costs:</b>	<b>Sessions per week</b>	<b>3 ¼ hours</b>	<b>4 ¼ hours</b>	<b>4 ½ hours</b>
	2	£19.50	£25.50	£27.00
	3	£29.25	£38.25	£40.50
	4	£39.00	£60.20*	£67.80*
	5	£54.50*	£92.50*	£102.00*

#### Charges for those born before August 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 and eligible for the UNIVERSAL and EXTENDED entitlement.

3 ¼ hour session will cost £9.75  
 4 ¼ hour session will cost £12.75  
 4 ½ hour session will cost £13.50

<b>Weekly Costs:</b>	<b>Sessions per week</b>	<b>3 ¼ hours</b>	<b>4 ¼ hours</b>	<b>4 ½ hours</b>
	2	£19.50	£25.50	£27.00
	3	£29.25	£38.25	£40.50
	4	£39.00	£51.00	£54.00
	5	£48.75	£63.75	£67.50

In giving you all this information we realise that it can be confusing. Some of it is a requirement of the Government Early Education funding; some of it is simply to ensure that there are no hidden or unexpected costs or commitments for you.

We regard our partnership with parents as an essential element in our work with each and every child, so if there is anything you do not understand, do feel free to ask.