

At Hythe Bay Nursery the FEE hours are offered in the following formats:

Baby Garden, Toddler Farm and Preschool Sea Rooms (open Monday – Friday for up to 48 weeks per year)
No session is to be longer than 10 hours per day or shorter than 5 hours per day. Any sessions taken in addition to the FEE will be charged for.

Universal Entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds, or Free For Two Funding, or Working Parent Entitlement for 2 year olds (a maximum of 15 hours):

Over 38 weeks (term time only): 15 hours per week are funded during term time to a maximum of 570 hours over a minimum of 2 days.

Over 48 weeks ('Stretched Funding'): 12 hours per week are funded over 48 weeks to a total of 570 hours. However a stretched place of 12 hours over 48 weeks equals 576 hours which exceeds the maximum by 6 hours. If you do decide to take up the 'stretched offer' you will be given the option of

1. Removing your child from the setting, or
2. Paying for the additional 6 hours.

Working Parent Entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds (a maximum of 15 hours):

Over 38 weeks (term time only): 30 hours (15 hours Universal + 15 hours Working Parent Entitlement maximum) per week are funded during term time to a maximum of 1140 hours. Charges apply to additional hours and during holiday periods.

Over 48 weeks ('Stretched Funding'): 24 hours per week (12 hours Universal + 12 hours Working Parent Entitlement maximum) are funded over 48 weeks to a maximum of 1140 hours. However a stretched place of 24 hours over 48 weeks equals 1152 hours which exceeds the maximum by 12 hours. If you do decide to take up the 'stretched offer' you will be given the option of

1. Removing your child from the setting, or
2. Paying for the additional 12 hours.

Safari Room (term time only) (open Monday - Friday term time only for 38 weeks per year)

Charges apply for any hours taken in addition to the FEE. No session is to be longer than 6 hours per day or shorter than 3 hours per day.

Universal Entitlement for 3 & 4 year olds, or Free For Two Funding, or Working Parent Entitlement for 2 year olds (a maximum of 15 hours): 15 hours per week are funded during term time to a maximum of 570 hours.

Working Parent Entitlement) 3 & 4 year olds (a maximum of 15 hours): 30 hours (15 hours Universal + 15 hours Working Parents Entitlement maximum) per week are funded during term time to a maximum of 1140 hours.

Valid codes for Free for 2 Funding and Working Parent Entitlement Funding must be provided along with the relevant paperwork to enable us to provide funded hours for 'free'.

You can apply for these online on the government website.

You will be invoiced in the usual way showing how many FEE hours your child is receiving in that period and what the additional charges are. Please note that the FEE can be split between 2 providers up to a maximum of 30 hours. We charge a small voluntary contribution from parents to help towards the cost of administration, meals, trips and extra-curricular activities. This will be a charge of £3.30 per week per child from April 2023, for children who are in receipt of funded hours. Please speak to our Administration Officer if you would like to request the voluntary parental contribution fee to be changed or taken off of your bill.