



**SOLIHULL
DAY CARE**

Grant Funding Information for Parents

Many children from 9 months to 4 years old are entitled to funding towards early education or childcare.

- This must be with an approved childcare provider
- Funding stops when your child starts in Reception class (or reaches compulsory school age, if later)
- Funding is effective for working families from the term after your child turns 9 months old or for non-working families from the term after their 3rd birthday.
- Up to 30 hours funding is available for approximately 38 weeks, in line with state school term times

Autumn Term (September to December)

Spring Term (January to April)

Summer Term (May to August)

Details of the administration process can be found here:
<https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk>



Entitlement – it is your responsibility to register and update 15 hours and 30 hours grant funding.

- All children aged 3/4yrs in England get 570 hours of funding per year. It's usually taken as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year
- From September 2025 eligible working families with children between 9 months and 4 years old will be entitled to up to 30 hours of support
- You can usually get 15 hours or 30 hours of working families' funding if you (and your partner, if you have one) are:
 - In work - or getting parental leave, sick leave or annual leave
 - Each earning at least the National Minimum Wage or Living Wage for 16 hours a week



We are committed to maintaining the quality of our offering.

The level of funding provided alone does not enable us to sustain our current high standards of care, administrate this process and adhere to the increased costs of National Living Wage, National Insurance, pensions, and cost of living increases.

A daily rate is applicable for services on grant funded days for services such as:

- Provision of up to three meals per day
- Fresh fruit and snacks
- Outside providers, Tiny Tots PE, Kids Lingo, Rhyme Time, Pudding & Pie cooking, Wild Fox Yoga, mini Athletics, Drama Tots, Jo's Jingle Music, Rugby Tots etc
- Administration of the claims process





Services fees from September 2025 apply to both 15 hours and 30 hours funded children.

- Full Day: £25.00
- School Day: £23.00
- Half Day: £20.00
- Extension rate where funding covers 5 hours of a full day only £37.50

The 30 hours funding is available for approximately 38 weeks in line with school term times.

Solihull Day Care will charge the full daily rate during school holidays, sessions not covered by funding and days outside of the funding periods instructed by Solihull MBC.

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Information we need

- Signed Solihull Day Care Agreement
- Each academic year a new declaration form must be signed electronically via Funding Loop, including:
 - 11 digit code (where applicable)
 - Full name of parent claiming funding
 - NI Number
 - Date of birth of parent claiming funding
 - Full name of child and date of birth
 - Address



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You will be required to reconfirm your details every three months (HMRC will send you a reminder to do this).

Please note that your Gateway code is not your eligibility code and cannot be used to access a funded place.



Example calculations 15 hours (Child attending 3 x Full Days per week)
Autumn Term of 14 funded weeks and 3 weeks not funded (September to December)

Session	Funded hrs per week	Rate per session	x 14 term weeks
Full Day 1 - Service rate	10	£25.00	£350.00
Full Day 2 - Extension rate	5	£37.50	£525.00
Full Day 3 - Full fee	0	£78.00	£1,092.00
Funded Weeks TOTAL	15	£140.50	£1,967.00
3 Full Days x 3 Holiday Weeks	0	£78.00	£702.00
(Funded Weeks + Holiday Weeks) Term Total			£2,669.00
Monthly fees spread over 4 months Sept, Oct, Nov & Dec			£667.25



Example calculations 30 hours (Child attending 3 x Full Days per week)
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Full Day 1 - Service rate	10	£25.00	£350.00
Full Day 2 - Extension rate	10	£25.00	£350.00
Full Day 3 - Full fee	10	£25	£350.00
Funded Weeks TOTAL	30	£75.00	£1,050.00
3 Full Days x 3 Holiday Weeks	0	£78.00	£702.00
(Funded Weeks + Holiday Weeks) Term Total			£1,752.00
Monthly fees spread over 4 months Sept, Oct, Nov & Dec			£438.00

The monthly amount will vary each term as the number of weeks in the term is different, as per the Solihull MBC academic year planner.

The Summer Term will usually be significantly more to account for 7/8 weeks of school holidays (May half term & 6/7 weeks summer holidays).

