

## 2 Year-old and 9 Month-old Nursery Funding Entitlement FAQs

We have put together some FAQs based on the questions parents have asked most frequently and the information we have received from the DfE and GCC so far. We hope they will help you to plan nursery care and education that works for you and your little one.

Q1. When will my child's entitlement begin?

**A1.** Children of working parents will become eligible for 2-year-old funding with effect from the start of the academic term following their second birthday. Children whose second birthday is on or before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 will be eligible from the start of the Summer Term 2024 on 8<sup>th</sup> April.

Children of working parents will become eligible for 9-month-old funding with effect from the start of the academic term after their 9<sup>th</sup> month. Children who reach 9 months on or before 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 will be eligible from the start of the Autumn Term in September 2024.

Q2. Does that mean my child will receive 15 funded nursery hours every week of the year?

**A2**. No, the funded hours are available for the 38 academic term weeks, and work out at a total of 570 funded nursery hours per year, per child.

Q3. What if I need a nursery place for my child all year?

**A3**. All My Friends Barnwood Nursery is open all year except for Bank Holidays and the days between Christmas and New Year.

Q4. How do I find out more and check my eligibility?

**A4.** The Childcare Choices website provides the information you'll need to determine whether you are eligible and, if so, to register and receive an eligibility code. You will need an eligibility code to confirm your funded place at the nursery you choose.

https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/upcoming-changes-to-childcare-support/