

Early Years Grant 2014/2015

Who is entitled to the Early Years Grant?

Children aged 3 and 4 years are entitled to the grant depending when they were born. Three year old children's eligibility can be determined using the following table:

3 year olds born between:	Will be eligible for a funded nursery education place from:
1 st September 2010 to 31 st August 2011	The start of the Michaelmas Term 2014
1 st January 2011 to 31 st December 2011	The start of the Lent Term 2015
1 st April 2011 to 31 st March 2012	The start of the Summer Term 2015
1 st September 2011 to 31 st August 2012	The start of the Michaelmas Term 2015

All 4 year olds are entitled to the nursery grant for 3 terms before they reach statutory school age. Four year old children's eligibility can be determined using the following table:

4 year olds born between:	Will be eligible for a funded nursery education place from:
1 st September 2009 to 31 st August 2010	The start of the Michaelmas Term 2014
1 st January 2010 to 31 st December 2010	The start of the Lent Term 2015
1 st April 2010 to 31 st March 2011	The start of the Summer Term 2015
1 st September 2010 to 31 st August 2011	The start of the Michaelmas Term 2015

At present all the children are entitled to claim the free entitlement for up to two years before they reach statutory school age. Statutory school age is determined as the term following the child's fifth birthday. Within Kent, this is the start of the Michaelmas Term, Lent Term or Summer Term following a child's fifth birthday.

When and how will I get my Early Years Grant?

Each term the school is required to complete a head count of the pupils who are eligible to receive the grant, according to their age. Based on this figure, the school will receive payment of the Early Years Grant direct from the LEA and the grant will be offset against the school account each term.

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How is the grant managed?

Eligible children at Dover College are entitled to receive 15 hours of free childcare per week. (The school day is broken into sessions; the morning sessions are 4 hours and afternoon sessions consist of 2 and a half hours). Kent County Council does not provide parents with a monetary figure for the grant, just the information that the hours attended, up to the maximum, are free to the parents. The maximum number of hours that can be **claimed for** per day is ten.

How many sessions must my child attend in order to qualify?

At present all eligible children receiving Early Years grant attending Dover College Infant and Junior School are entitled to 15 hours per week. The number of hours taken up may be fewer than fifteen to meet the individual requirement of each child. To qualify for the full grant your child must attend 15 hours per week, otherwise you will receive a proportion of the grant.

Prices quoted are per term	1 day	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days
Morning Session 08:30 – 13:30	£300.00	£600.00	£900.00	£1,200.00	£1,500.00
Afternoon Session 13:30 – 16:00	£150.00	£300.00	£450.00	£600.00	£750.00
Full day prices	1 Full Day: £450	2 Full Days: £900	3 Full Days: £1,350	4 Full Days: £1,800	5 Full Days: £2,250

What exactly is the headcount for?

In order for funding to be paid, your son or daughter must be attending the school on the day of the headcount. This is a set date early in each term specified by Kent Country Council. If your son or daughter is absent on the headcount day, we need to establish that your child is genuinely absent (eg through illness) and expected to return to the school in order to claim the funding.

If my child attends another nursery/playgroup what happens with the grant?

If your son or daughter attends another nursery or playgroup, the payment can be apportioned between the providers. Please contact the Bursar if you need further clarification.

What happens if the terms are differing lengths?

As an independent school we comply with requirements set by the KCC to qualify for funding for 38 weeks.

Do I have to provide proof of identity?

Parents must produce their child's birth certificate prior to the school adding the child to the headcount; this is to prove that your child is eligible. The school is required to confirm that we have seen the birth certificate.

Is before and after-school care available?

Children can be dropped off from 8.15am and an after-school club session runs until 5.30pm. Parents need to provide a packed tea.