

Children who are eligible, are currently able to claim their funding at Sawston Nursery as follows:

9-month-old funding

From September 2024, children who are eligible, can claim this funding from the term after they turn 9 months old.

The 9-month-old funding for eligible families is for 15 hours per week for 38 weeks per year. This equates to 15 hours x 38 weeks = 570 hours per year. At Sawston Nursery, we stretch the funding to provide a maximum of 11.2 hours per week for 51 weeks of the year, which gives you the maximum entitlement of funded childcare. This will be displayed on your monthly invoice at zero cost. The funding amount of 11.2 hours per week is stretched pro rata over the week, therefore, if a child attends full time, they can claim 11.2 hours per week, if they attend 3 days, they can claim 6.72 hours over 51 weeks.

To check your eligibility please use the link:

www.childcarechoice.gov.uk

2-Year-old funding

This funding was introduced on 1st April 2024. Children who are eligible, can claim this funding from the term after they turn 2 years old. As above, eligible families can claim a maximum of 15 hours per week for 38 weeks per year. This equates to 15 hours x 38 weeks = 570 hours per week. At Sawston Nursery, we stretch the funding to provide a maximum of 11.2 hours per week for 51 weeks of the year, which gives you the maximum entitlement of funded childcare. This will be displayed on your monthly invoice at zero cost. The funding amount of 11.2 hours per week is stretched pro rata over the week, therefore, if a child attends full time, they can claim 11.2 hours per week, if they attend 3 days, they can claim 6.72 hours over 51 weeks.

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A child born on or between:	May become eligible for a funded place from:
1 April - 31 August	In the term which begins after 1 September following their 2 nd birthday
1 September - 31 December	In the term which begins after 1 January following their 2 nd birthday
1 January - 31 March	In the term which begins after 1 st April following their 2 nd birthday

Funding for children aged 3-4 years with Universal Entitlement

All children can claim this funding the term after their 3rd birthday, irrelevant of household income and, since its introduction, children are able to claim a maximum of 15 hours x 38 weeks = 570 hours per year. We stretch the funding to provide a maximum of 11.2 hours per week for 51 weeks of the year, which gives you the maximum entitlement of funded childcare. At Sawston Nursery the maximum families can claim per day is 4 hours and therefore, if a child attends anything 3 days a week or more then they can claim 11.2 hours. Children who attend 1 or 2 days can claim 4 or 8 hours respectively.

Funding for children aged 3-4 with Extended Entitlement

Children who are eligible for Extended Funding are able to claim up to 30 hours a week for 38 weeks per year. This equals 30 hours x 38 weeks = 1140 hours per year. At Sawston Nursery we stretch the funding over 51 weeks. A maximum of up to 20 hours per week can be claimed. As with Universal Entitlement, children can also claim up to 4 hours per day, therefore if they attend 3 days per week, they can claim 12 hours per week, if they attend full time, they can claim 20 hours per week.

Special Educational Needs Inclusion Funding (SENIF)

Special Educational Needs Inclusion Funding (SENIF) is part of the Early Years SEND Offer within the Early Years' Service. Sawston Nursery can apply for SENIF for children who are on the Early Support Pathway/known to the Sensory Support Service and one of the following:

- Aged two and in receipt of Early Years funding for two-year-olds

- Aged three or four and in receipt of their Early Years Funding Entitlement
- Children aged 5 and attending preschool provision due to deferred school entry

Children who are eligible are able to claim up to 11.4 hours per week for 50 weeks, which is reviewed by Cambridge County Council on a termly basis. For invoicing purposes Sawston Nursery invoice the claim as 11.2 hours over 51 weeks.

To check all funding eligibility (Not including SENIF) please use the link below:

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Children who are eligible for funding will be supplied with a unique code which parents must supply to the Nursery in order to claim the Funded Hours. Parents are required to renew their code with HMRC every 3 months. If, for any reason, a child becomes no longer eligible for extended funding, the child will be charged the Nursery's usual fee or will change to the Universal Funding pattern as detailed above.

With all funding, parents/carers are required to complete a Funding Declaration form which will be provided by Sawston Nursery. Once completed this must be returned to the Nursery along with a form of identification for your child, such as a passport.

The forms are required to be completed every term.

Parents are responsible for notifying the Nursery of any change of circumstances which affects their funding entitlements. Please note that it is the also the parent's responsibility to check that their monthly invoice reflects the funding entitlement stated on the Sawston Nursery fees table, as adjustments to claims can only be made up until the deadline provided by the Cambridgeshire County Council.