

NEG Funding for 3 and 4 year olds

The government fund children's nursery education for eligible 3 and 4 year olds. The grant pays for up to 5 sessions of 2.5hrs per week, but at this present time Searchers & Seekers provide 5 sessions of 3hrs which are totally funded.

All eligible 3 and 4-year-old children will be funded for three terms, beginning the term after the child's 3rd birthday. Parents can claim up to five sessions per week for their child saving a considerable amount of money on childcare.

Nurseries are permitted to charge top up fees for any extra hours and can set the times of the free sessions. Prices are available on request.

A child aged 3 by:

31 March is eligible for funding from 1st April.

31 August is eligible for funding from 1st September.

31 December is eligible for funding from 1st January.

To receive government funding your child need to be attending a registered provider of early education which is inspected by OFSTED. Searchers & Seekers is a registered provider and therefore meets all the requirements for your child to receive government funding at the setting the term after your child is 3 years old.

Important note: Funding does not apply for Teacher Training (TT) days (5 days throughout the year) when Longhoughton First School is closed. Although Searchers & Seekers are open, therefore full fees are payable on these days.