

## **PONY AND PANDA AT PETTS WOOD ADMISSION POLICY FOR EARLY YEARS FUNDING**

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS POLICY APPLIES TO FUNDED HOURS ONLY. WHERE ADDITIONAL PRIVATE HOURS ARE USED, A SEPARATE POLICY RELATING TO PRIVATE HOURS WILL APPLY.**

**OFSTED NUMBER: 2550628**

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We operate an inclusion and equality policy and ensure that all children have access to childcare places and services irrespective of their gender, race, disability, religion, belief, or sexual orientation of parents.

Our Funded Offers are below and will explain arrangements for the delivery and funding for the following entitlements:

- Under 2-Year-Old Working Entitlement (U2YOW) \*: 1140 hours per academic year for working parents of children 9months old+.
- 2-Year-Old Working Entitlement (2YOW) \*: 1140 hours per academic year for working parents of two-year-olds.
- Together for 2's Entitlement (TF2YO) \*: 570 hours per academic year for families of two-year-olds receiving additional forms of support. Check [www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds-claim-benefits](http://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-2-year-olds-claim-benefits)
- 3- & 4-Year-Old Universal Entitlement (3&4YO15): 570 hours per academic year for parents of all 3- & 4-year-olds.
- 3- & 4-Year-Old Working Entitlement (3&4YO30) \*: 570 additional hours per academic year entitlement for working parents of 3- & 4-year-olds.

*\* Eligibility criteria apply*

### ***The maximum number of funded hours your child can receive are:***

- 1140 hours per academic year for working families of under 2-year-olds and 2-year-olds (U2YOW & 2YOW). This is 30 hours for 38 weeks of the year if taken over term time or 1140 hours divided by the number of weeks if stretched from 39-52 weeks. i.e. 10.96 hours for 52 weeks.
- 570 hours per academic year for 2-year-olds from families receiving additional forms of support (TF2YO). This is 15 hours for 38 weeks of the year if taken over term time or 570 hours divided by the number of weeks if stretched from 39-52 weeks.
- 570 hours per academic year for all 3- & 4-year-olds, (3&4YO15). This is 15 hours for 38 weeks of the year if taken over term time or 570 divided by the number of weeks if stretched from 39-52 weeks.
- 570 additional hours per academic year for working families of 3- & 4-year-olds, (3&4YO30). This is an additional 15 hours for 38 weeks of the year if taken over term time or 570 divided by the number of weeks if stretched from 39-52 weeks.

### ***Additional charges:***

Government funding is intended to deliver up to 30 hours of free, high quality, flexible early education and care each week to children under 5 years old. Funded hours must be accessible **free of charge** to parents/carers; that is, there must not be any mandatory charges for parents/carers in relation to the funded hours.

Government funding is **not** intended to cover the costs of meals, consumables, additional hours or additional services. Early Years Providers can charge for consumables, meals and snacks, extra activities and additional hours provided they are not mandatory charges or a condition of accessing a place.

### ***Emergency Charges:***

An emergency charge can be applied by the Early Years Provider for parents/carers who opt in to pay additional charges, but do not supply the required item/food. These are also listed below if applicable.

**All funded sessions:** are in line with the Government's Statutory Guidance and Local Authority requirements. When you register your child for their funded place, we will discuss your needs and as far as possible with availability and staffing arrangements we will accommodate your wishes.

### ***Notice Periods:***

You are not obliged to give us notice for the funded hours however, we respectfully ask that you give as much notice as possible whilst also paying due regard to our notice period for non-funded hours.

### ***Absences:***

Your child may lose their funded entitlement if they have **three weeks** of absence in any one term. This refers to holiday or illness.

**Deposits** can be charged for funded hours to secure the place but this must be refunded in a reasonable time scale.

Deposit Amount	Refunded
£150	By end of the first term

Please note: The above deposit amount and refund period apply where only funded hours are used at our nursery. Where additional private hours are taken, the required deposit is £400, which will be refundable after the child leaves the nursery, provided that there are no outstanding fees or payments due.

**Our deposit applies to the following funding streams** (tick as appropriate):

Under 2-Year-Old Working Families	2-Year-Old Working Families	Together for 2's Funding	3- & 4-Year-Old Universal Funding	3- & 4-Year-Old Working Families
✓	✓	N/A	✓	✓

**Our funded offers are:**

	<b>STRETCHED OFFER: MONDAY to FRIDAY 51 weeks of the year</b>
<b>Under 2-Year-Old Working Families (30)</b>	8am -12:28pm (4 hours 28 minutes) x 5 days = <b>22 hours 21 minutes</b>
<b>2-Year-Old Working Families (30)</b>	8am -12:28pm (4 hours 28 minutes) x 5 days = <b>22 hours 21 minutes</b>
<b>Together for 2's Funding (15)</b>	8am – 10:14am (2 hours 14 minutes) x 5 days = <b>11 hours 10 minutes</b>
<b>3- &amp; 4-Year-Old Universal Funding (15)</b>	8am – 10:14am (2 hours 14 minutes) x 5 days = <b>11 hours 10 minutes</b>
<b>3- &amp; 4-Year-Old Working Families (30)</b>	8am -12:28pm (4 hours 28 minutes) x 5 days = <b>22 hours 21 minutes</b>

**Our optional additional charges are:**

	<b>FOOD</b>	<b>NON-FOOD</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>PRIVATE HOURS</b>	<b>EMERGENCY ITEMS</b>
<b>Under 2-Year-Old Working Families</b>	£10 per day	N/A	N/A	£7.90 per hour	N/A
<b>2-Year-Old Working Families</b>	£10 per day	N/A	N/A	£7.90 per hour	N/A
<b>Together for 2's Funding</b>	£10 per day	N/A	N/A	£7.90 per hour	N/A
<b>3- &amp; 4-Year-Old Universal Funding</b>	£10 per day	N/A	£3.11 per session	£7.70 per hour	N/A
<b>3- &amp; 4-Year-Old Working Families</b>	£10 per day	N/A	£6.22 per session	£7.70 per hour	N/A

**Our optional additional charges include:**

<b>FOOD</b>	<b>NON-FOOD</b>	<b>ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>EMERGENCY ITEMS</b>
Breakfast Lunch Tea AM & PM snacks	N/A	Mandarin lessons Yoga lessons	N/A