

Nursery Education Grant Parent information sheet



Oaks Nursery is registered with Kent County Council to provide free education sessions for children aged 2,3 and 4 years. This information sheet details how the nursery offers the grant to parents in compliance with the Code of practice for Local Authorities, and the free Early Years entitlement in Kent.

The Code of Practice for Local Authorities on the delivery of free early year's provision issued by the department for Children, Schools and Families clearly details the criteria and legislation. The document reference: DFE-00124-2013 can be found at;

<http://education.gov.uk/aboutfe/statutory/g00209650/code-of-practice-for-las>

All 2,3 and 4-year-olds can have up to 15 hours of free early education each week for a minimum of 38 weeks a year. In Kent these 38 weeks are in line with school term dates. Parents wishing to access their entitlement at Oaks Nursery can do so over a maximum of 3 sessions per week (3 x 5 hours). Children become eligible the term after their 2nd or 3rd birthday with admissions each term. January/April/September.

You can split your 15 hours between 2 providers, for example a nursery and a childminder. If you want more than 15 hours, you will need to pay the extra cost yourself (refer to admissions policy for full details).

Free places for 2 year olds are subject to eligibility and families can apply under the following criteria;

- If they receive working tax credits and have annual gross earnings of no more than £16,190.00 per year
- If their 2 year old has a current statement of special educational needs (SEN) or an education, health and care plan
- If their 2 year old attracts Disability Living Allowance
- If their 2 year old has left care through special guardianship or through adoption or residence order

For further information a KCC Parent's guide to Early Education Places can be found at;

http://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0019/5941/Free-early-education-for-2-3-and-4-year-olds.pdf

Your entitlement to a free early years education place at our setting is not guaranteed and subject to the availability of places. If we are unable to meet your childcare requirements please contact Kent Children and Families Information Service (KCFIS) who will provide information about childcare provision in Kent.

<https://fisonline.tribalhosted.co.uk/Kent/EarlyYears/PublicEnquiry/#.U33iZ03jiM8>



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How to apply

- As a new parent, complete a nursery registration form available on our website; www.oaksnurserykent.co.uk requesting a free early education place
- As an existing parent, complete the attached declaration form and return to nursery by the date specified

Parent declaration forms - guidance

- Parent Declaration forms must be fully completed for all children prior to the start of every term, including details of any other childcare settings that your child attends.
- We are required to verify date of birth for children claiming for the first time. Please bring in a birth certificate, passport or personal child health record (red book), when submitting your form
- Childcare sessions cannot be changed once the form has been submitted; any changes to free early education sessions must be requested in writing, and are subject to availability. Amendments will be applied at the beginning of the following term; ie; September/January/April.
- You must return the declaration form by the return date specified otherwise your grant claim may be affected

