



# Yarrells School & Nursery

## FUNDED EARLY EDUCATION

### General Information

In England funding is available from the Department of Education for:

- some parents of two year olds who may be eligible (by meeting a certain prescribed criteria) – **Free Early Education and Childcare for two year olds**
- every three and four year old

All three and four year olds in England can get 570 funded hours per year. It's usually taken as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year.

Some three and four year olds are eligible for 30 hours funded childcare a week. Check if you're eligible and find out how to apply by following this link: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-30-hours-free-tax-free-childcare>.

For further information about funding, including free early education for two year olds and funded education for three and four year olds, provided by Dorset County Council (DCC), please follow this link: <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/children-families/childcare/childcare-funding/childcare-funding-options.aspx>.

### When is my child eligible?

The funding will start on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> April or 1<sup>st</sup> September, whichever comes first following your child's third birthday, and this entitlement continues until they reach compulsory school age (up to and including the term in which they turn five).

Compulsory school age is set out in section 8 of the Education Act 1996 and the Education (Start of Compulsory School Age) Order 1998 (SI 1998/1607). A child reaches compulsory school age on the prescribed day following their fifth birthday (or on their fifth birthday if it falls on a prescribed day). The prescribed days are, 31<sup>st</sup> March, 31<sup>st</sup> August and 31<sup>st</sup> December.

Thus, three year old children become eligible for the funded early education allowance on the following dates:

A child born in the period	Will become eligible for funding
1 <sup>st</sup> April to 31 <sup>st</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> September following the child's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Birthday (Autumn school term)
1 <sup>st</sup> September to 31 <sup>st</sup> December	1 <sup>st</sup> January following the child's 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday (Spring school term)
1 <sup>st</sup> January to 31 <sup>st</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> April following the child's 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday (Summer school term)

### How much funding is my child entitled to?

Funded provision for 3 and 4 year olds is available for the maximum funding entitlement, which is 570 hours of funded early education per financial year. As Yarrells is not open for the whole year, we are unable to offer the full 570 hours of funded early education; you are allowed to use the outstanding hours with another childcare provider. The hours are split into three terms to match, as closely as possible, 15 hours maximum per week for the school term.

The maximum number of hours/weeks for which funding may be claimed each term in the **2020/21 academic year** is:

School Term	Maximum number of hours/weeks that can be claimed from DCC	Number of hours/weeks to be claimed by Yarrells from DCC
Autumn term 2020	<b>210/420 hours for 14 weeks</b>	195/390 hours for 13 weeks
Spring term 2021	<b>165/330 hours for 11 weeks</b>	165/330 hours for 11 weeks
Summer term 2021	<b>195/390 hours for 13 weeks</b>	165/330 hours for 11 weeks
<b>Total</b>	<b>570/1140 hours for 38 weeks</b>	<b>525/1050 hours for 35 weeks</b>

### Can I use more than one childcare provider?

Funding may be used at a maximum of two childcare providers per week. So ‘yes’ you can use your entitlement at Yarrells and another provider, so long as the total hours used do not exceed those that you are eligible for (either 15 or 30 hours per week). You should let each of the providers know that you intend to take up part of the entitlement elsewhere. This can be done termly on completion of the Parental Agreement form which will be supplied to you.

### Can I spread my hours over term times?

As with many other childcare providers Yarrells is not able to let you stretch your funded hours over the whole year; for example, you can’t use the 570 hours over 51 weeks. This facility is known as stretching and is where you spread your funded hours over the whole year. This is because Yarrells is only open during term times and therefore has fewer weeks per year.

### Can I carry over my entitlement to the following year?

You do not need to use all of your child’s 15 hours entitlement. However, you cannot carry hours over from one entitlement year to the next. Any unused hours will be lost.

### Will there be any other charges?

Parents do not contribute towards the funded early education funding entitlement for basic nursery provision. However, there is a charge for additional services provided over the allocated hours. Additional services include: specialist taught French, ballet, swimming, pet care, dance, music, ecology and outdoor studies, outings, parties, along with break-time refreshments (snacks and drinks), stationery, textbooks, and ICT; this list is not exhaustive. Hot lunches, prepared by our chef and in-house catering staff are available for a separate charge. Additional charges will be invoiced in accordance with our Fees Charging Structure.

### Your termly invoice

Yarrells prepares termly invoices. The Funded Early Education Funding amount that Yarrells is able to claim on your behalf from Dorset County Council is based upon the number of weeks in a term and their approved funding rate (the rate is the same for all Dorset County Council childcare providers). The layout of our invoices has been approved by Dorset County Council.

Your termly invoice will state how many hours per week you are claiming along with the number of

weeks that Funded Early Education Funding are being claimed from Dorset County Council. Each term's invoice may change due to Dorset County Council rate changing along with the different number of claimable weeks in each term.

### **How do I apply?**

Once your child is 'on roll' at Yarrells, we will apply for the funding on your behalf and the funding will be paid directly to us. Dorset County Council produce the **Parental Agreement** form and either just prior to or at the start of each funding period (term). We will ask you to complete and sign a Parental Agreement form declaring how many hours you wish to claim and specific information such as your child's name, date of birth, address and your contact telephone number. This form also includes the funding Terms and Conditions listed. Yarrells retain the signed Parental Agreement form. A **Privacy Notice** from Dorset County Council can be found on the link below.

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/your-council/about-your-council/data-protection/privacy-policy/dorset-county-council/dorset-county-council-privacy-notice.aspx>

### **Further information**

For further information about the Funded Early Education funding please contact our Financial Controller, Paul Lord, either by telephoning 01202 622229 or by email: [invoices@yarrells.co.uk](mailto:invoices@yarrells.co.uk).

To discuss your child attending Yarrells please contact our Admissions Registrar, Mrs Breakwell, either by telephoning 01202 622229 or by email: [admissions@yarrells.co.uk](mailto:admissions@yarrells.co.uk).