
Grantham Farm Montessori School & The Children's House
ADMISSIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE for EARLY YEARS EDUCATION FUNDING

What is the Free Early Years Education Provision?

- Free early learning and care funded by Hampshire County Council
- Available to all three and four year olds (for 6 terms following the child's third birthday)
- Up to 15 hours a week (maximum 10 hours per day and 15 hours over a minimum of 2 days) under the universal offer or up to 30 hours a week for the extended entitlement
- The free entitlement can be split across different providers, at a maximum of two within the same day
- Available between 06.00 am and 8.00 pm. where provided
- Up to 38 weeks a year or as a 'stretched offer' where nursery care is offered for 52 weeks/year

What The Children's House offers:

- 15 hours per week Early Education Funding (universal offer)
- Additional hours
- 35 weeks per year
- Flexible take up by parents depending upon available spaces
- Flexible drop-off and pick-up times between 08.30am and 4.00pm.
- Hours available in continuous blocks
- Collaborative working with another provider where a child attends two settings
- *Healthy morning and afternoon daily snacks consisting of oatcakes, cheese, fruit and vegetables & water
- *Additional educational services (that are not included in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS)): music & drama, sports teaching, one to one literacy, yoga, outings and educational visitors, cultural celebrations, end of term parties
- *Care applications (non-sting steri-wipes, piriton, calpol, arnica, cold-compresses, Waspeze, suncream, etc.)
Parental consent is required in order that we may use these applications to care for your child.

*Where parents are unable or unwilling to pay for additional services and/or consumables, they have the right to withdraw their child from additional services & consumables. The school has the right to waive or reduce fees for additional services so that all children can be included in all activities irrespective of their parents' ability to pay.

The Implications of the Free Entitlement:

- The funding provided by Hampshire County Council does not cover the cost of delivery at The Children's House
- In order to remain in the scheme and for the business to remain sustainable, the school has the right to charge for additional services and consumables
- Additional hours will be charged at the current hourly rate (see website)
- Parents will be offered the choice of morning or afternoon hours or any combination of morning and afternoon hours depending upon availability of spaces
- All hours will be offered on a first come first served basis

Suggested Attendance at The Children's House

In order to deliver the curriculum of the Early Years Foundation Stage together with the Montessori Early Years Curriculum, we suggest the following attendance as a minimum.

- 2-year-olds – minimum of 2 mornings per week – rising to 3 mornings in the term the child turns 3
- 3-year-olds – minimum 16 hours
- 4-year-olds – minimum 21 hours
- The school reserves the right to discuss this on a case by case basis.

The head teacher will be happy to explain this policy in more detail if required. It is important that this policy and its implications are understood.

Parents will be required to sign a Parental Agreement each term to confirm they understand and agree with the Admissions Policy & the Admissions Policy for the Early Years Free Entitlement.

This policy should be read in conjunction with our Admissions Policy and Procedures.