

The Childcare offer Funding Policy

Noah's Ark is signed up to accept the The Childcare Offer in Wales from April 2019 for Pembrokeshire parents in agreement with the terms and conditions of the LEA and the WAG. Carmarthenshire based parents are welcome to use their funding here.

We currently operate 20 hours childcare during term time and 30 hours during school holidays these hours are dependent on the individual child's needs / booked sessions with the setting and can be calculated individually for each child on our 30 hour agreement form.

During school holidays the 3 & 4 year old children who are eligible for the offer can access the full 30 hours as childcare. This is in place for 9 weeks of school holidays for the year and will be documented on your individual accounts how many weeks are available to you, please see original claim emails for links to apply, each week needs to be applied for and booked separately.

As a setting we then claim back monthly any funding owed to us from the relevant County Council.

If you do not book funding weeks with the authority for example during school holidays, fees are owed to the setting for normal contracted hours, if your child does not attend during that week the 50% holiday fee may be available.

Children can access the 20 hour childcare here even if they are funded for education elsewhere e.g. Cylch Meithrin or in part time school, we provide wrap around to thee services.

Please speak to staff regarding the options available to you.

All applications are to be made online by parents and we will receive notifications when funding is approved via email. We will send links and reminders out when your child qualifies for the offer via our famly platform.

When your child becomes eligible for funding we will send you out a personal contract application for the funding where your individual use of our service will be broken down to explain what is funded and what if applicable additional costs need to be made to the setting (this may include breakfast club, after school club, lunch and transport costs dependant on the individual circumstances).

These costs will be termed as top up fees. Costs may include dependent on the individual agreement:

£3 meal charge on a half day

£5 meal charge on a full day or meithrin wrap around day

£1 transport charge Narberth

£1.50 transport cost Templeton

£5 transport cost Tavernspite

If you would like to discuss this further with Hayley or Charmaine please make an appointment with a member of staff.