

How we offer the funding -

At Snowdrop Cottage we are offering this funding stretched over the year. For a child who starts claiming the 30/15 hours funding in September the stretched option will mean you can claim up to 22.5/11.25 hours per week over 51 weeks. For children who start claiming the funding part way through the academic year (i.e. January or April starts), the funding amount will slightly differ per term to be sure to allocate the correct funding over the remaining weeks. A January start will mean you will be entitled to 20.5/10.25 hours per week and an April start will give you 17.5/8.75 hours of funding per week. For the next full academic year of funding, it will then revert to the full year of funding (i.e. 22.5 hours per week). Any additional hours required beyond the funded hours will be charged at our usual rate.

When your child is in their last year with us before school, they can attend on a term time only basis and claim up to 30 hours of funding per week, over 38 weeks. Please note, there are 39 weeks in an academic year, so the one unfunded week will be charged at our full rate. Again, any additional hours will be charged as normal.

The government funding covers the basic Early Years Foundation provision, this includes items such as small world figures, sand and water play, construction toys, minimum first aiders requirements (1 per building) and minimum staffing levels. The government funding does not cover meals, nappies, wipes, enhanced provision such as extra staffing and enrichment activities, all staff members to be first aid trained, additional resources such as baking supplies, special events, learning journeys and celebration crafts to name a few. We believe that Early Years education should be rich, engaging and full of experiences. We offer an enhanced provision which goes beyond the basics, and this costs more than the government funding covers.

We have our all-inclusive option which is detailed over the page. If you are unable to pay the all-inclusive charge, please let us know and we can send you details of our opt out option.

Terms and Conditions of our All-Inclusive option

Our Food and Drink cost – £12 per day

Including breakfast, morning snack, 2 course lunch, afternoon snack and tea. All meals are cooked on site with fresh ingredients. We are able to cater any dietary/allergy requirements.

This cost includes the ingredients, utensils, crockery, staffing costs, water bottles, milk (or milk alternatives as required), bottles, formula and energy costs to cook the meals.

Our Care cost – £5 per day

This includes nappies, nappy sacks, creams, emergency medication, spare clothes, spare hats, spare wellies, blankets, sheets, flannels, aprons, laundry costs, waterproofs, wipes, water bottles/cups and nursery bags.

Our Learning Journey and Communication cost – £5 per day

This includes a Learning Journey, observation sheets, daily feedback sheets or diaries, cameras, uploading and printing photos, parents evenings, art evenings, Facebook posts, newsletters and staff time to complete all the above.

Extras costs – averaged out over the year at £2 per day

This includes local walks and trips (increased staff to child ratios), small group interventions (e.g. BLAST, SEAL, ICAN talk, bucket etc), special event crafts and visits, special person visits, celebration events and crafts.

Total costs - £24. For a full day, you will pay our daily discounted all-inclusive fee of £20 per day, for 51 weeks of the year.

Any hours over the funded hours are charged at our usual rate. For families paying for our all-inclusive option, our usual fees include all of the above as standard. The all-inclusive fees are only charged during funded hours.

All prices given below are inclusive of our funding consumables charge, as well as any private hours. The total given will be the total weekly amount on your invoice.

The way the funding is stretched varies, depending on when you start claiming funding. This is due to the amount of funding hours per term allocated to us by the Government. The funding will reset to the usual 22.5 hours from the following September.

Funding starting in September (30 hours funding – 22.5 stretched)

Full day sessions	2 full days	3 full days	4 full days	5 full days
Cost	£40	£107.40	£192.40	£272.40
School day sessions	2 school days	3 school days	4 school days	5 school days
Cost	£32	£48	£118	£188

Funding starting in January (30 hours funding – 20.5 stretched)

Full day sessions	2 full days	3 full days	4 full days	5 full days
Cost	£40	£118.50	£203.50	£288.50
School day sessions	2 school days	3 school days	4 school days	5 school days
Cost	£32	£61.60	£131.60	£201.60

Funding starting in April (30 hours funding – 17.5 stretched)

Full day sessions	2 full days	3 full days	4 full days	5 full days
Cost	£54.60	£139.60	£224.60	£309.60
School day sessions	2 school days	3 school days	4 school days	5 school days
Cost	£32	£81	£151	£221