

Kidsworld Nursery Funded Children Policy 2025

1. INTRODUCTION

Kidsworld Nursery follows the updated 2025 UK government policy on funded childcare, providing eligible children with access to free early years education.

2. FUNDING ENTITLEMENT

From **September 2025**, eligible working parents can access:

- **30 hours of funded childcare per week** for children aged **9 months up to school age**.
- The entitlement can be used over **38 weeks (term time)** or stretched across **52 weeks** for full-year provision.

3. IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

- **April 2024**: 15 hours of funded childcare introduced for two-year-olds.
- **September 2024**: 15 hours extended to children aged **9 months to 3 years**.
- **September 2025**: 30 hours available for **children aged 9 months up to school age**.

4. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Both parents (or a single working parent) must earn at least **£8,670 per year** but less than **£100,000 per year**.
- Parents must apply for funding via the **Childcare Choices website**.

5. USAGE GUIDELINES

- Parents can split their hours between **two providers**.
- Additional fees for **meals, consumables, and extra activities** must be optional and transparently displayed.

6. LOCAL AUTHORITY COMPLIANCE

- Stockport Local Authority ensures funding compliance and addresses provider concerns.
- Any **non-compliance** can result in intervention or reimbursement for affected parents.

7. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Parents must **renew their eligibility code every three months** to continue receiving funding.
- Any changes in **employment or circumstances** must be reported immediately.

8. POLICY REVIEW

- This policy is reviewed ****annually**** to ensure it aligns with government updates.

For more information, contact:

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- ****Stockport Local Authority Early Years Team:**** 0161 474 4181
- ****Childcare Choices:**** www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Kidsworld Nursery is committed to providing accessible, high-quality early years education for all eligible families.