

## Government Nursery Funding

### FEE Information

- Government funding only covers 38 weeks per year (term time)  
- we are open 52 weeks per year, and our fees are payable 52 weeks. We stretch Gov funding which equates to 21.92 hours per week over 52 weeks.
- We do not offer term time only places.
- The hourly rate paid by education authority to us **does not adequately cover our running costs.**  
The hourly rate varies according to age of child. To keep fees standard throughout time at Mayfield, we work out an average across the ages.
- **Government funding is not intended to cover meals and consumables.**

### Consequently Free hours do not include:

- **Do not cover:** the gorgeous home cooked healthy, and nutritious meals we provide.
- **Do not cover:** nappies, wipes, antibac, nappy cream, nappy sacs, tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, etc. that we provide included in our fees and used by the tonne.
- **Do not cover:** the extra staff ratio we provide.

**I believe this is essential to provide our excellent care and education!**

Child age 2-3years statutory ratio 1 adult:5 children

**Our ratio 1 adult:4 children.**

Child age 3-5 years statutory ratio 1 adult:8 children

(in school nurseries 1 adult: 15 children !!)

**Our ratio 1 adult:5/6 children.**

- **Do not cover:** enrichment activities such as, extended outdoor play, gardening, cooking and baking, visits from music and drama specialists, love and care of our animals (chickens and rabbits)- allotment and forest trips all of which require our high staff ratio.
- **Do not cover:** our enhanced, beautiful environment with the highest quality and design equipment, toys and furnishings. Tree house, focused activity / sensory workshop, specially designed kinaesthetic, learning and exploration garden, vegetable garden and allotment.

To cover the extra costs of all these things that make us unique and lovely, we require your understanding that we make a charge for optional extras, when accessing free hours.