

Children Who Receive Funding

St. Mary's Playgroup is in receipt of Government funding for 3 and 4-year-olds. This funding is called Nursery Education Grants (NEGs) and is available for the term after a child has their third birthday. Places are allocated in September, January and April. Each child is entitled to up to 15 free funded hours per week. This means that at St. Mary's Playgroup, they will be entitled to receive up to 5 free funded sessions a week, depending on the spaces available. Each session is for 3 hours.

St Marys Playgroup offers the 30 hour free childcare scheme to working parents. Parents need to apply online.

St. Mary's Playgroup is also in receipt of funding for some 2-year-olds. To be eligible for this funding, you would need to meet certain criteria set out by the government. Please see the following government website link for further details: <https://www.gov.uk/free-early-education>.

If you do not have access to the internet, please ask a member of staff for details on this.

If your child is eligible for funding, you will be asked to bring in a copy of your child's birth certificate / red health book / passport and fill in a form. Playgroup charges a voluntary contribution of £10 which is payable when we receive your registration form. Without these voluntary contributions, there is a strain on playgroup running costs.

Playgroup receives the funding for one term at a time from the Government, and there is a cut-off date each term for your child to receive this funding.

When your child leaves Playgroup, we will require one month's notice in writing as we need time to bring all your child's work up to date to pass on to their next setting/school.

Please refer to our Fees and Methods of Payment Policy

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