



Kent College Early Years Free Entitlement

Kent College offers the Early Years Education Free Entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds. All children are eligible to receive a maximum of 15 hours free nursery education per week.

Kent College offers two different patterns of delivery to access the Free Entitlement as follows:

1. A morning session in the Early Years lasts from 8.15am – 12.30pm. 3 hours free entitlement will be given for each morning attended and the additional time will be paid for by parents. Lunch is not automatically included; fees have been structured whereby parents can choose to include lunch or not.
2. A full day session in the Early Years lasts from 8.15am – 3.30pm. 5 hours free entitlement will be given during this time and the additional time will be paid for by parents. Children should be collected at 3.30pm or may stay on for After School Care for which separate charges apply (Wraparound Care is free of charge up to 5.30pm). Please visit: <http://www.kcprep.co.uk/care/wraparound-care-403/> for further information.
3. If parents only want to access their free entitlement, sessions are available each morning from 10.15am – 1.15pm, 3 hours each morning. This session does not include a school lunch and parents are asked to supply a packed lunch for their child. Parents must collect their child promptly at 1.15pm. If some morning sessions in the Early Years are already full, we may not be able to offer the full 15 hour entitlement, or if all mornings are full, a waiting list will be in operation until a space becomes available.

Please be aware that the Government provides the entitlement for a maximum of 38 weeks a year, but as we are open for 34 weeks a year we will be able to provide the entitlement for a maximum of 34 weeks. The amount of grant available varies depending on the number of full weeks in a term. It will not be possible for you to claim the additional 4 weeks from another setting.

Information regarding a child's sessions in the Early Years have to be sent to Kent County Council at the beginning of each term and parents must ensure that they have returned the Parental Declaration form to the Bursary so that the entitlement claim can be made. It should be noted that once the claim has been sent to KCC, usually within 4 weeks of the start of term, it cannot be changed until the following term; so if a child increases their hours during the term or starts at half term, no change in entitlement will be given until the following term.

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