**EYFS Funded Hour Entitlement September 2025**

At St. Giles’ and St. George’s Academy, our Early Years setting now consists of Little Explorers for ages 2-3, Nursery for ages 3-4, and a Reception cohort.

Depending on how old your child is and your circumstances, you may be able to access between 15 and 30 hours government funded childcare a week.

From September 2025, working parents of children under the age of five will be entitled to 30 hours of government funded childcare a week. If you are not eligible for free childcare for working parents you may still be eligible for help towards childcare costs.

Check your eligibility here:

All parents of children aged three to four can still access 15 hours of government funded childcare. It doesn't matter how much you earn or how many hours you work.

For more information, to check eligibility and to apply visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-childcare>

Applying is simple and can be done entirely online:

1. Check your eligibility
2. Sign in or create an account (to create an account you will first need your Government Gateway user ID. If you’re a new user, you will need to register for one)
3. Apply online for a childcare code through your childcare account.
4. Get your unique code via email and give it to St Giles’ and St George’s Academy
5. Apply before the deadline – for the autumn term, apply by 31 August 2025.
6. Reconfirm every 3 months to keep receiving the funding.

You can apply up to 3 months before your child is eligible.

Children can join our Nursery cohort (children aged 3-4 years) in the September after their 3rd birthday. Children can join our Little Explorers cohort (children aged 2-3 years) from the term following their 2nd birthday.

We offer the following places:

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| **15 hours** | **30 hours funded**  **(Full School Day)** |
| **Mon – Fri**  **AM** 8:50 – 11:50 **or**  **PM** 12:15-15:15 **or**  **2 full days and 1 half day** | **Mon – Fri**  8:50-15:15 |

If you are not eligible for the government free child care funding, children can still join our Little Explorers and each AM / PM (3hours) private hours session is charged at £15.

Any child allocated 15 hours government funding can pay for additional private hours wrap around AM or PM sessions, this is charged at a rate of £15 per additional session (3hours).

Additional private paid hours wrap around sessions must be pre-booked for the term using the booking form.

Additional Sessions (AM or PM, equivalent to 3 hours) are £15

Government funding for the 15 or 30 hours entitlements does not cover consumables, so providers are able to ask parents to pay for these things. Please see Consumables.