Early Years Funding

Chase Grammar pre-school offers children structured learning in a caring environment. Small class sizes offer individualised learning, giving children the stimulating educational environment they deserve and the superb pastoral care that they require.

Pre-school is not simply a child-care facility. It is a place where children develop the skills they need to succeed on their educational and social journey.

What is Early Years Funding?

All three and four-year-old children receive Early Years Funding from the government - from the term after their third birthday until they start school at five.

This consists of 15 hours of free Early Years Funding per week for up to 38 weeks per year, during school term time.

Therefore, Chase Grammar School offers parents the choice to access these 15 free hours in one of two ways:

Five mornings per week: 5 x 3 hour sessions from 8.30am to 11.30am

Or

Two consecutive full days: 8.30am - 4.00pm

Chase Grammar School's academic year is approximately 36 weeks. Government funding is available for children attending for 38 weeks per year. Therefore, parents may be able to use their entitlement to the additional weeks with another provider. The funding is connected to the child, so if the child moves to a new provider, the funding moves with them. On days when a child is absent due to sickness, holiday or adverse weather, Chase Grammar will endeavour to offer the funded hours at an alternative time.

Full-time Pre-school education

Parents can choose either part-time (as above) or full-time. Full Time hours are 8.30am – 4.40 pm.

Children can attend the school for five whole days. Parents will be charged for any additional hours used on top of their Early Years Funding entitlement.

Parents paying for a full-time placement will be required to complete the usual admissions procedure for the School, including the payment of a deposit (£500) plus £189.per week for school fees. If parent apply for the additional 15-hours funding, this will be credited to their account.

Reception Class

The Early Years Funding is available to children up to their 5th birthday, so it may be applicable during some or all of the Reception year (depending on when your child's birthday falls within the academic year). The Reception class at Chase Grammar School is full-time – there is no option for part-time attendance.

The 15 free hours will apply to five mornings each week (5 x 3 hours). Therefore, parents will be required to pay for the additional time either in full or with the additional 15 hours if eligible.

Nursery and reception pricing

The table below indicates the cost you would expect to pay without Early Years funding, with the statutory 15% paid for by the UK government or with the additional 15% if you are eligible. The additional 15% will need to be applied for at https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare. If you are accepted, you will be given a code which you will need to provide to the school's bursar.

Class	Autumn Term (14 Weeks)	Spring Term (11 Weeks)	Summer Term (11 Weeks)
Pre-school: Part Time (15 Hours)	£954.00	£750.00	£750.00
With 15 Hour funding	0	0	0
Pre-school: Full Time (40 Hours)	£2766.50	£2173.00	£2173.00
With 15 Hour Funding	£1811.75	£1491.30	£1491.30
With Additional Funding. If eligible, this is what it will cost once additional finding is credited to your account	£857.01	£673.30	£673.30

Funding must be in place before the beginning of the term that the child starts in nursery or you will be charged the full amount.