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Nursery Education Grant

A guide for parents and carers



THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF
KENSINGTON
AND CHELSEA

What is the Nursery Education Grant?

The Nursery Education Grant (NEG) is funding made available by the Royal Borough to provide your three or four year old child with a free, or grant funded, part-time early education place.

What is early education?

Early education covers the foundation stage for children aged three to five. This includes everything from the beginning of nursery or pre-school to the end of reception class in primary school.

It provides a range of activities like counting, singing, dancing, stories, speaking and listening. These develop children's learning and understanding through play.

Where can I find a funded place?

Early years providers must provide a minimum of 33 weeks of nursery education per year, and have to register with the Royal Borough to be part of the NEG scheme. Providers participating in the scheme include:

- private nursery schools
- private or voluntary pre-schools or playgroups
- private or voluntary day nurseries
- nursery units of independent schools.

Children who go to local authority primary or nursery schools are funded automatically by the local education authority. Providers are encouraged to deliver 38 weeks of nursery education a year, in order to provide the same amount of nursery education as offered through local authority schools.

You can receive the full list of the NEG providers by contacting the Family Information Service on **020 7361 3302**, or by logging on to: www.rbkc.gov.uk/neg.

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How are the places funded?

NEG funding is available for a maximum of five 2.5 hour sessions per week (a total of 12.5 hours per week). The total funding allocated is based on the number of weeks a provider operates for each year.

NEG providers claim the grant through the Royal Borough on a termly basis and reduce their fees accordingly at the start of each term.

You can choose how many sessions a week you would like your child to attend. If you opt for less than five sessions a week, the amount of grant received will be reduced proportionally. You can also choose to have two funded sessions in one day, providing there is a non-educational break of at least an hour between them.

Your provider can only claim for the number of sessions that your child attends on a regular basis. However, they may charge you extra if, for example:

- you choose more than five sessions a week
- the sessions are longer than 2.5 hours
- they are open for more than 38 weeks per year
- they are providing additional services, such as swimming, foreign languages or ballet, which incur extra costs and are not in the foundation stage curriculum.



Who can get Nursery Education Grant?

All children attending a NEG registered provider in Kensington and Chelsea are eligible for funding in the term after they become three, irrespective of where they live.

The table below shows when a child becomes eligible:

A child born between...

1 April and 31 August

1 September and 31 December

1 January and 31 March

Is eligible for NEG...

From the start of the autumn term (September to December) following their third birthday until statutory school age.

From the start of the spring term (January to March) following their third birthday until statutory school age.

From the start of the summer term (April to August) following their third birthday until statutory school age.

How do I apply?

Your NEG registered provider will need to see a copy of your child's birth certificate and will ask you to sign a declaration form. They will then claim the NEG from the local authority on your behalf. You cannot apply individually.

Do I need to register by a certain date to receive the grant?

Yes. Each term we set a 'headcount date' and children not registered with a NEG provider by that date will not be able to claim the grant until the following term (except under exceptional circumstances).

Please ask your NEG registered provider for details of each termly headcount day.



Where can I get more information?

To find out more about Nursery Education Grant and for a list of settings which can claim the grant, please call:

Family Information Service

Tel: 020 7361 3302,
9am.to 5pm, Monday to Friday. (Answering machine outside office hours.)

You can also view a list of nurseries taking part in the Nursery Education Grant on the Royal Borough's website, www.rbkc.gov.uk/neg.

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