

Sector Definitions for Providers Offering Free Hours for Eligible 3 and 4 Year Old Children.

Criteria	Accredited Childminders	School Run Non-Maintained	Independent	Maintained	Voluntary	Private
Who owns it?	Childminder	Governing Body	School, Church and other organisations	Local Authority	Unpaid voluntary management group	Sole trader, partnership or company
Who runs it?	Childminder	Governing Body	Board of management	Governing body	Unpaid voluntary management group	Sole trader, partnership or company
Who Registers/Inspects it?	Ofsted (Early Years)	Ofsted (Schools) or Ofsted (Early years) if taking children under 3	Independent Schools Inspectorate, Bridge Schools Inspectorate, the Schools Inspection Service or Ofsted (Early Years) if taking children under 3	Ofsted (Schools)	Ofsted (Early Years)	Ofsted (Early Years)
Age of children	Birth upwards	Birth upwards	Birth upwards	3 & 4 Year olds only	Birth upwards	Birth upwards
On a WCC maintained School site?	No	Yes	No	Yes	Can be	Can be
Charged for use of WCC School site	N/A	No	N/A	Must declare surplus accommodation if being used for anything other than maintained provision	Yes	Yes
Operational Hours	Up to 24 per day	Up to 24 per day	Up to 24 per day	Usually 9-12/12-3/ 9-3	Up to 24 per day	Up to 24 per day
Funded Hours	15 hours per week between 8:00 & 18:00	15 hours per week between 8:00 & 18:00	15 hours per week between 8:00 & 18:00	15 hours per week	15 hours per week between 8:00 & 18:00	15 hours per week between 8:00 & 18:00
Funding paid through	BACs/Cheque	Journal Transfer	BACs/Cheque	School funding allocation*	BACs/Cheque	BACs/Cheque
WCC employees	No	Yes (WCC salary scales apply)	No	Yes (WCC salary scales apply)	No	No
Staff Paid through WCC pay roll	No	Yes, if requested.	Could pay for service	Yes	Could pay for service	Could pay for service

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Accounts	Must keep auditable accounts	Income & expenditure identifiable separately from school finances**	Must keep auditable accounts	Accounts must be kept as part of whole school revenue/expenditure records	Must keep auditable accounts	Must keep auditable accounts
Charges	Up to 15 hours free. Other charges discretionary	Up to 15 hours free. Other charges discretionary	Up to 15 hours free. Other charges discretionary	Up to 15 hours free. From 01.04.11, other charges discretionary.	Up to 15 hours free other charges discretionary	Up to 15 hours free. Other charges discretionary
Provider Support	EYCS	EYCS	EYCS	EYCS	EYCS	EYCS
Profit (which is for) Personal Gain	Yes	No	Possibly	No	No	Yes
Charitable Status	No	Possibly ***	Possibly	Possibly ***	Possibly	Possibly
No of Weeks Open	Up to 52 (38 funded)	Up to 52 (38 funded)	Up to 52 (38 funded). Typically 35 weeks	38 weeks	Up to 52 (38 funded)	Up to 52 (38 funded)
Early Years and Childcare Service Funding available (Until 31.03.11 only)	Inclusion Funding - Yes. New Places Funding/Sustainability Funding - No	Inclusion Funding - Yes. New Places/Sustainability Funding - Yes	Inclusion Funding - Yes. New Places/Sustainability Funding - Yes	Inclusion Funding - Yes. New Places/Sustainability Funding - Yes	Inclusion Funding - Yes. New Places/Sustainability Funding - Yes	Inclusion Funding - Yes. New Places/Sustainability Funding - Yes
Minimum Staff Qualifications	Level 3	Level 3 manager & Supervisor 50% of others level 2	Level 3 manager & Supervisor 50% of others level 2	QTS & Level 3 TA	Level 3 manager & Supervisor 50% of others level 2	Level 3 manager & Supervisor 50% of others level 2
Ratio's (NEF Funded children)	3 under 5's = 1:3	1:8 or 1:13 if Qualified Teacher/Early Years Professional/Level 6	1:8 or 1:13 if Qualified Teacher/Early Years Professional/Level 6	01:13	1:8 or 1:13 if Qualified Teacher/Early Years Professional/Level 6	1:8 or 1:13 if Qualified Teacher/Early Years Professional/Level 6

* This will become a journal transfer from 01.04.11

** This will change from 01.04.11. Accounts will then need to be kept as part of the whole school revenue/expenditure records.

*** Schools who are Voluntary Aided, Academies or Trust Schools may have charitable status.

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