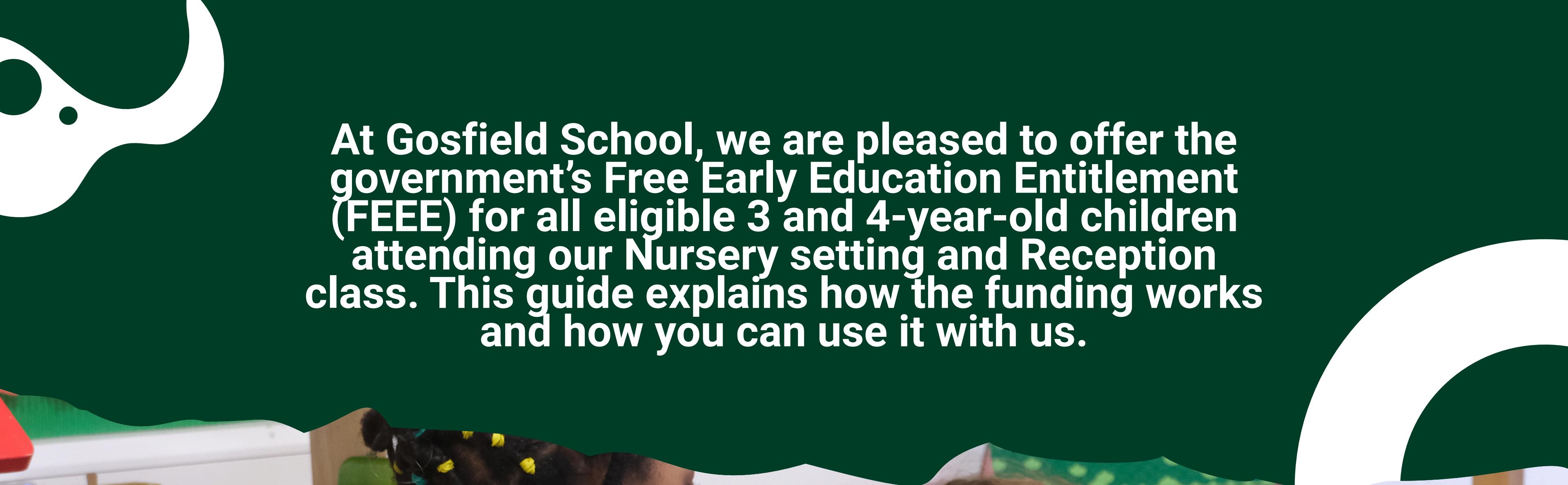


# Gosfield School Funding Guide





**At Gosfield School, we are pleased to offer the government's Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) for all eligible 3 and 4-year-old children attending our Nursery setting and Reception class. This guide explains how the funding works and how you can use it with us.**



# What is the Free Early Education Entitlement?

All children aged 3 and 4 are entitled to up to 15 hours of free early education per week.

This funding:

01

Is provided by  
the government

02

Is available to all  
families,  
regardless of  
income

03

Is designed to  
support your  
child's learning  
and development

# When does my child become eligible?

Your child becomes eligible for funding from the term  
after their third birthday:

**Birthday between 1 September – 31 December**

→ Funding starts in January

**Birthday between 1 January – 31 March**

→ Funding starts in April

**Birthday between 1 April – 31 August**

→ Funding starts in September





# How can I use the 15 hours free funding?

- The 15 funded hours are available for 35 weeks per year (term time only)
- Funding can only be used during our afternoon opening hours from 1-4pm





# Do I have to pay anything?

The funded hours cover the cost of early education and care only. You will be asked to pay a voluntary consumables charge (as well any private hours) which will be itemised on your invoice as follows:

01 Snacks

02 Nappies, wipes and creams (if applicable to your child)

03 Private hours outside of funding

You are not required to pay a registration fee or purchase any extras to take up a funded place.

# Can I opt out of the consumables charge?

If you choose to opt out of the consumables charge, you will be asked to provide your own snacks and health care products for your child in line with our Early Years Foundations Stage Food and Drink and FEEE policies. The voluntary charge will be automatically applied to your invoice unless you have chosen to opt out. Please contact the Nursery Manager if this is your preference.



# Can I combine free hours and paid childcare?

**Yes - many families choose to:**

- Use the 15 hours of funded hours alongside paid for sessions
- Book longer days or extra sessions

**Any extra hours will be charged at our usual rate.**



# Can the funding be stretched?

No, we do not stretch funding due to the shortened number of weeks children attend our setting, however, funding can be split between settings.



# What do I need to do?

01

Complete and  
sign a parental  
declaration form  
each term

02

Provide proof of  
your child's DOB

03

Let us know if  
any of your  
details change



# Attendance and Absence

- We ask that funded sessions are attended regularly
- Funded sessions cannot be swapped, refunded or carried over if your child is absent
- Any absence must be reported to the Nursery Manager





# Further Information

If you require any further information, please refer to our FEEE Policy or contact the Nursery Manager at [nina.gibbens@gosfieldschool.org.uk](mailto:nina.gibbens@gosfieldschool.org.uk)

