# Stratton Playgroup

**11 Nursery Education Funding Policy**

**Aim**

To ensure all children whom attend Stratton playgroup receive their entitled funded sessions in accordance with the requirements of Cornwall County Councils Early Years Service and the capacity of the setting.

**Methods**

* Some children are entitled to 15 hours funding, commencing the term after they turn two, depending on their family’s work and financial circumstances.
* All children are entitled to 15 hours funding, commencing the term after they turn three; (some families are able to claim the extended 30 hours funding, depending on their work and financial circumstances).
* Nursery Education Funding covers the costs of sessional care for 38 weeks of each year. As playgroup opens in line with the Primary School, some years will be shorter than 38 weeks.
* Children eligible for funding are entitled to a maximum of 10 hours per day; and 15 hours per week (or 30 for extended funding). To meet the needs of all children attending and their families fairly, playgroup will need to know in advance how many sessions each child requires. By the start of each term their child will be attending, parents will be required to inform playgroup of how many and which sessions they would like their child to attend for the coming term. Where possible, requested days will be given. Once a child is three, we ask that they attend a minimum of three 3-hour sessions per week.
* Once requested sessions are allocated to a child, if required, they can be changed. Any changes will need to be discussed with the manager, if they are possible/available then changes can be made.
* We offer early starts 8:15/8:30am – 9:00am and lunch clubs 12:00pm-12:30pm every day. Under the flexible entitlement, parents with funded children can use the early starts and lunch clubs as part of their 15 hours (or 30 for extended funding) and therefore not have to pay for it.
* Playgroup will split funding entitlement between other settings if a child also attends another setting.
* It is parents responsibility to complete and return the funding forms given to them by the stated date, without which their child will not receive funding.
* Observations and Assessment records will be kept on all funded children.
* If available, parents may have a place held for their child to start the following term without charge.
* Parents should be aware that by filling in funding forms, it is assumed that they accept that Family Services will hold this information about themselves / their children.

This policy was adopted at an open committee meeting of Stratton Playgroup

Held on

**31/01/2024**

Signed on behalf of the committee