



The Free Early Education Entitlement at Colchester High School Nursery

The national Free Early Education Entitlement scheme (FEEE) which is administered by Essex County Council (ECC) enables a contribution to be made towards fees for all 3 and 4 year old children attending the Nursery and in many cases Reception, at Colchester High School.

Your child becomes legally entitled to receive the FEEE for up to 15 hours of childcare a week, from the term after their third birthday - and up to and including the term that they turn five years old. For clarity, the relevant dates / terms are set out below:

A child born between Becomes eligible for funding on the . .
1 st April and 31 st August	1 st September following their 3 rd birthday
1 st September and 31 st December	1 st January following their 3 rd birthday
1 st January and 31 st March	1 st April following their 3 rd birthday

At the Nursery at Colchester High School, in addition to our excellent childcare package, our core offer includes a range of additional activities for which fees are charged.

The children very much enjoy these additional activities which form an important and informative part of your child's time with us – and of your decision to place your child with us. They also prepare the children well for their progress on to Reception and beyond at the school. The activities include the following:

- Lunch is provided for all children who attend morning or full day sessions
- In addition to our daily timetable, a regular timetable of enhanced educational activities – many of which are taught by qualified teachers and/or specialist staff who teach across the whole school – as follows:
 - French
 - ICT
 - Educational visitors into school (ambulance, farmers, police etc)
 - PE and Games
 - Music and Drama (our Nursery children all practice for, and take part in the Nursery Summer Performance)

Parents/carers who wish their child to enjoy the additional activities are exercising their choice to pay for these services rather than enrolling their child in a setting which does not provide them.

Additional Information for Parents/Carers about the FEEE

- Under the FEEE scheme, you are entitled to request Essex County Council to assist you with funding for up to a maximum of 15 hours of childcare per week over 38 weeks with a registered provider.

- The amount of free early entitlement currently offered by ECC is £4.32 per hour which will be deducted from your termly invoices.

In order to claim the FEEE, we will send a Parent / Carer Agreement to you which you will need to complete and return to the school. The Agreement asks you how to set out how you wish to take up the FEEE and it enables Colchester High School to claim funding from ECC as a contribution towards the cost of the hours at our setting. If you do not complete and return it, we are unable to claim the funding from ECC.

Further information about the FEEE scheme can be obtained from Essex County Council's website at www.essex.gov.uk/earlyyearsandchildcare or by calling 0800 055 6874.