**Cressex Day Nursery - Free Entitlement**

All children from 9 months old until 2 at the start of the school term following their relevant birthday, and with eligible working parents are entitled to up to 30 hours per week of Free Entitlement for 38 weeks per year. In our case this entitlement is stretched over 51 weeks and is therefore for approx. 22 hours per week.

All 2, 3 and 4 year olds, of eligible working parents are similarly entitled to 22 hours of free childcare. For 3 and 4 year olds with parents not eligible children may still receive the Universal entitlement of 15 hours per week, in our case stretched to 11 hours.

In order to calculate invoices, the applicable weekly funded hours are distributed over two "Funded Days" for Universal funding and over three "Funded Days" for Extended/30hr Funding. Childcare hours taken in excess of the funded hours are payable by parents.

Regulations defining EEF hours as "without monetary value" prevent nurseries from simply crediting clients with the funding received and just charging a "top-up" to the nursery's normal fees. Instead, Cressex Nursery charges separate contractual rates for the appropriate sessions detailed on our all inclusive pricelist based on the extra periods required to meet the parents needs and considering, like any other business, all the costs incurred by the nursery. Although allowed by current regulations the Nursery does not charge for any additional items (e.g. meals, consumables, events) which are not intended to be covered by the government funding.