



Nursery Funding and Fee Guidance

For Parents

Our fees are calculated and run from 25th August – 24th August the following year. These are worked out across the year and divided by 12 months for full-time children, or 11 months for those that attend term time only (38/39 weeks per year).

When new children join the nursery, a confirmation letter is issued along with a fee plan from their start date until 24th August. The only changes that will apply to fee plans are if children increase/decrease days or when Government funding is applicable.

	Daily 7.30am-6.30pm	Sessions 8am-1pm 1pm – 6pm
<u>Baby Room</u> 3mths to 2yrs	£96.50	£66
<u>Main Room</u> 2yrs – 3yrs	£94	£64
<u>Pre-School</u> 3yrs – 5yrs	£92	£62

Extra hours will be charged at £9ph

Children Eligible for Government Funding

2year 15hours Funding

2-year-old can get free childcare if they live in England and get any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Universal Credit and your household income is £15,400 a year or less after tax, not including benefit payments
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit (or both), and your household income is £16,190 a year or less before tax
- the Working Tax Credit 4-week run on (the payment you get when you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

2-year-olds can also get free childcare if they:

- Are looked after by a local authority
- Have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- Get [Disability Living Allowance](#)
- Have left care under an adoption order, special guardianship order or a child arrangements order
Parents may have to pay for extra costs like meals, outings, extra-curricular activities etc.

Standard 3-4years 15hours Funding

All 3 to 4-year-olds in England can get 570 free hours per year. It's usually taken as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year, but you can choose to take fewer hours over more weeks,

The free early education and childcare:

- Must be with an [approved childcare provider](#)
- Stops when your child starts in reception class (or reaches compulsory school age, if later)

Parents may have to pay for extra costs like meals, outings, extra-curricular activities etc.

Funding takes place and can begin the **term after the child's birthday.**

EYPP – Early Years Pupil Premium

Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) is an additional government funding provided to early years settings to support children who may benefit from extra help with their learning and development. It is available for eligible children accessing funded early education places.

How does EYPP benefit children and our nursery?

EYPP allows us to:

- Provide additional support in key areas such as communication and language, early literacy, and social development
- Invest in high-quality resources and learning materials
- Offer targeted small-group or one-to-one support where needed
- Access additional staff training to further strengthen teaching and learning

For children, this means tailored support, enriched learning experiences, and extra opportunities to help them grow in confidence and be ready for their next stage of development.

In order for us to check eligibility and claim this funding on your child's behalf, parents are required to provide consent within the **Parent Funding Declaration Form**. This simply allows us to make a funding application where applicable.

If you would like more information or support completing the form, our staff team are always happy to help. All discussions and information shared are treated in confidence.

Working Parent 30hours Funding– for children aged from 9months+

Parents may be able to get 30 hours funded childcare if:

- They live in England
- The child/ren are 9months +

Their eligibility depends on:

- If they're working (employed, self-employed, or both)
- The income (and partner's income, if they have one)
- The child's age and circumstances
- Their immigration status

Parents can get 30 hours funded childcare at the same time as claiming Universal Credit, tax credits, childcare vouchers or Tax-Free Childcare.

Important Notice:

Those parents who apply and are eligible for the working parent funding, it is the responsibility of the parent to apply for their funding code for EACH new term, and to give this to the nursery to have it verified by the Borough before the start of each new term. It is not the responsibility of the nursery to prompt parents and or send any reminder correspondence.

If you do not reconfirm your code every 3 months and in time before the following term begins, you may be at risk of losing your funding entitlement.

Consumable Charge

A consumable charge will be applied to all children who are in receipt of any government funding, including both 15 or 30 hours funding from the age of 9months onwards.

This consumable charge is made to cover the day-to-day running costs; which include; meals and snacks, extra-curricular activities, outings etc. It is also stated on the GOV website, that some settings may charge extra costs for such things.

The consumable charge will be put into a fee plan for all parents to be clear and aware of monthly payments, which will be due in line with your monthly fee, if applicable.

	11/15hours Funding	22/30hours Funding
Consumable Charge	£80 per month	£160 per month

Consumable charges are based on £1.54per funded hour attended weekly.



FAQs

What is a consumable charge and what does it cover?

This consumable charge is made to cover the day-to-day running costs; which include meals and snacks, extra-curricular activities, outings etc. These are all elements of which the funding does not cover. It is also stated on the GOV website, that some settings may charge extra costs for such things.

Are nurseries allowed to charge for consumables?

Yes. The Early Education and Childcare Statutory Guidance for Local Authorities states providers can 'charge for meals and snacks as part of a free entitlement place' and that they can also 'charge for consumables such as nappies or sun cream, and for services such as trips and specialist tuition.'

Many nurseries now charge a consumable fee so they can offer funded spaces without running a loss.

If I do not meet the criteria to receive government funding, do I have to pay the consumable fee?

No. If you are not in receipt of any government funding, you are not required to pay the consumable charge.

What if I am unable to pay the consumable fees?

Please speak with the nursery manager and we can discuss the situation, along with our agreed alternatives and what support can be put into place.

Can I pay my childcare fees and consumable fees using my Tax-Free Childcare account?

Yes, Tax-Free Childcare is a method of paying for childcare costs and supports parents with a little extra savings on fees each month. It can also be used alongside any fees where 15/30hours funding is applied and with consumable fees.

You can find more information on the website and set up an account if not already done so.

[Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare)