

Nursery Fees

For a detailed breakdown of the nursery day rates and relevant charges, please contact your chosen nursery site.

The nursery does offer early years funding: For information on the Early Years Funding Scheme entitlements, please refer to the following Government website

<https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/>

What is the Nursery Offer? (The Stretched Effect)

Our nurseries offer the Early Years Funding for all eligible children on a “*termly stretched*” basis in accordance with the table below.

This means that the Early Years Funding is accessed over 50 weeks of the year.

This has the effect of reducing the maximum total hours per week that can be accessed, but annual entitled totals remain the same.

Term	Weeks	Maximum hours that can be claimed per term	
		Hrs/week	Total
Autumn	16	22.8	364.80
Spring	13	22.8	296.40
Summer	21	22.8	478.80
	50	Total	1140 hours

Note: any funded hours are only offered when all eligibility criteria have been met and the funding is accessible.

To access the Early Years Funding, parents are required to complete (*on a termly basis*) a Cambridgeshire County Council “*Parental Declaration Form*”.

The funded hours for eligible 9 month/2-year-old/3 & 4-year-olds can be accessed any day that the nursery is open, but only for the number of weeks that are allocated to each term.

The funding hours must be accessed over one full day, using 10 of the weekly allocation. The remaining hours can be accessed if additional days are booked at the setting.

Nursery Policy on Additional Charges for Funded Places

The level of the Early Years Funding rate provided under the Local Provider Agreement (LPA) with Cambridgeshire County Council is intended to cover the delivery of childcare only.

It does not cover the full cost of providing all activities, including catering, that our published rate makes provision for.

This is particularly relevant when your child turns 3 years old as the funding rate provided is significantly less than the cost of the provision.

For us to continue offering access to the Early Years Funding while providing the high standard of childcare we offer, we request that parents pay a non-mandatory fee to cover the cost of these additional items.

We do not allow families to bring their own food (such as packed lunches) into the nursery to avoid allergy risks and restrictions we have on food handling/storage.

The following additional charges will appear on your monthly invoice if your child has access to any early year's funding entitlement.

Meal Cost: This includes the provision, preparation and delivery of morning snack, 2 course hot lunch, afternoon snack, and high tea. This is a valuable nursery social able time with many key learning experiences.

Forest School: This includes the delivery of forest school sessions with a specialist forest school lead and explores the principles of forest school learning in our nursery garden. It fosters self-confidence and self-reliance. The children enjoy wood crafting activities and generally explore their natural surroundings.

Special Activities: This includes materials and resources to celebrate and enjoy specialized nursery activities.

Extra Hours/Days attendance over and above the entitlement under a funding scheme; this will be charged at current published