



Nursery Charging Policy

Universal funding for 15 hours of provision is available for all children who start nursery the term after their third birthday.

Additional funding topping up to 30 hours is available if you are eligible. Again, your 3 year old needs to start the term after they are 3.

<https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-free-childcare>

Joining during a term

If your child joins **before** headcount day, your place will be funded by the Local Authority. This will either be 15 hours or up to 30 hours if you are entitled.

If your child joins in the term **AFTER** headcount day, you will need to pay for the hours your child attends nursery until the start of the next term. This is at a rate of £5.50 per hour.

Headcount Dates - these are the dates where school reports on the number of children who are accessing our nursery provision and for how many hours. This determines our funding.

Headcount dates 2024/25

Autumn term	3 rd October 2024
Spring Term	January 2025 (Date TBC)
Summer Term	May 2025 (Date TBC)

If you are only entitled to 15 hours universal funding but wish for your child to attend for additional hours, these are payable at £5.50 per hour in line with the LA funding rate. This will be charged to parents through ParentPay. This needs to be agreed with school in advance so that adult: child ratios are maintained and not exceeded.

If you do not pay fees on time, then additional hours may be cancelled. Universal hours will remain in place.

If your child does not attend nursery, you will still be charged for any hours as their place would not be available to other children.

School meals are an additional charge. If your child requires a school meal, this is available at a cost of £2.85 per day. This again is charged through ParentPay. Children will order their lunch in the classroom each morning. Alternatively, children in nursery can have a packed lunch.