

### **Free Early Education Entitlement**

Under the Government scheme, parents/carers are entitled to a free early education and childcare entitlement of 15 or 30 hours per week depending on eligibility.

For those entitled to 15 hours, this equates to 11.88 hours per week over 48 weeks per year, or 570 hours annually. For those eligible for the working families 30-hour entitlement, this equates to 23.75 hours per week over 48 weeks per year, or 1,140 hours annually.

The setting operates Monday to Friday, 8am–6pm, offering 10-hour sessions per day on a year-round basis. It provides childcare for children aged from 9 months until they reach statutory school age.

### **30hours Free Early Education Entitlement**

Working parents/carers who wish to take up only their free early education and childcare hours are able to do so. For those eligible for 30 hours, the setting offers 20 hours per week over 2 days (10 hours per day between 8am and 6pm, subject to availability). Parents/carers may use the remaining 3.75 hours per week with an alternative provider open for the same number of weeks, in order to access their full entitlement.

Entitlement to a free place does not guarantee availability of a place. Parent/Carer do not need to take up additional hours in order to access their free entitlement and childcare place.

Closure: nursery days/ inset and well being day.

### **CHARGING FOR MEALS, SNACKS AND DRINKS**

There is an additional voluntary contribution of £5.64 per day for meals (lunch and tea) and £1 per day for breakfast, snacks and drinks, which covers the food and drink provided during your child's nursery session. These charges apply across 48 weeks of the year, in line with the nursery's operating calendar.

Parents have the option to opt in or opt out of this provision.

- If you choose to opt in, you are committing to a permanent provision of the meal and snack.
- If you choose to opt out, you are required to provide a term's written notice to the Nursery Manager (1st January- 31st March, 1st April- 31st August, 1st September-31st December).

- Please note that opting out means your child will not receive breakfast, lunch, tea or snacks from the nursery.

Parents who opt out will need to:

- Bring packed lunch. Please see our packed lunch policy

If you wish to change your choice, either to opt in or opt out, please speak to the Nursery Manager and ensure any required notice periods are met.

Where parents/carers choose to take up additional hours in addition to their free early education entitlement, these will be charged as below:

Under 2's (30hrs)									
Attendance Days	Total attendance hrs per week	Free childcare hours per week	Paid additional childcare hours per week	Charge per hr for charged childcare	Total childcare charge per week	Total meals and snacks per week	Total charge for meals per month	Total charge for childcare per month	Total PCM (including meals)
Families accessing FEEE hours only									
1	10	10	0	£7.67	£0	£6.64	£26.56	£0	£26.56
2	20	20	0	£7.67	£0	£13.28	£53.12	£0	£53.12
Chargeable childcare hours consist of funded hours calculated over 48 weeks plus 4 weeks of private closing dates for families accessing additional private hours on top of their funded entitlement, including nursery closing dates.									
3	30	23.75	6.25	£7.67	£47.94	£19.92	£79.68	£268.45	£348.13
4	40	23.75	16.25	£7.67	£124.64	£26.56	£106.24	£600.81	£707.05
5	50	23.75	26.25	£7.67	£201.34	£33.20	£132.80	£883.66	£1016.46

2, 3 & 4 year olds (30hrs)									
Attendance Days	Total attendance hrs per week	Free childcare hours per week	Paid additional childcare hours per week	Charge per hr for charged childcare	Total childcare charge per week	Total meals and snacks per week	Total charge for meals per month	Total charge for childcare per month	Total PCM (including meals)
Families accessing FEEE hours only									
1	10	10	0	£7.16	£0	£6.64	£26.56	£26.56	£26.56
2	20	20	0	£7.16	£0	£13.28	£53.12	£53.12	£53.12
Chargeable childcare hours consist of funded hours calculated over 48 weeks plus 4 weeks of private closing dates for families accessing additional private hours on top of their funded entitlement, including nursery closing dates.									
3	30	23.75	6.25	£7.16	£44.75	£19.92	£79.68	£250.6	£330.28
4	40	23.75	16.25	£7.16	£116.35	£26.56	£106.24	£560.86	£667.10
5	50	23.75	26.25	£7.16	£187.95	£33.20	£132.80	£821.6	£954.40

***\*Additional childcare hours are charged over 52 weeks and meals and snacks are charged over 48weeks.***

### **Forest School for 3&4YOs**

We offer the provision of Forest School over 4days per week (Mon-Thur) at 10hrs per day, subject to availability. Parents/carers can access this provision and will be charged as below:

<b>Forest School (30hrs)</b>  <b>Chargeable childcare hours consist of funded hours calculated over 48 weeks plus 4 weeks of private closing dates for families accessing additional private hours on top of their funded entitlement, including nursery closing dates.</b>								
<b>Attendance Days</b>	<b>Total attendance hrs per week</b>	<b>Free childcare hours per week</b>	<b>Paid additional childcare hours per week</b>	<b>Charge per hr for charged childcare</b>	<b>Total meals and snacks per week</b>	<b>Total charge for meals per month</b>	<b>Total Chargeable Childcare PCM</b>	<b>Total PCM (including meals)</b>
4	40	23.75	16.25	£9.72	£26.56	£106.24	£761.40	£867.64
5	50	23.75	26.25	£7.16	£33.20	£132.80	£1022.13	£1154.93

### **15hours Free Early Education Entitlement**

Parents/carers eligible for the 15-hour entitlement can access this as one full day (10 hours) and the remaining 1.88 hours per week can also be taken with another provider, should they wish to use the full annual entitlement across two providers.

Entitlement to a free place does not guarantee availability of a place. Parent/Carer do not need to take up additional hours in order to access their free entitlement and childcare place.

Where parent/carer choose to take up additional hours in addition to their free entitlement hours, this will be charged as below:

### 2,3 & 4YOs (15hrs)

Chargeable childcare hours consist of funded hours calculated over 48 weeks plus 4 weeks of private closing dates for families accessing additional private hours on top of their funded entitlement, including nursery closing dates.

Attendance Days	Total attendance hrs per week	Free childcare hours per week	Paid additional childcare hours per week	Charge per hr for charged childcare	Total childcare charge per week	Total meals and snacks per week	Total charge for meals per month	Total charge for childcare per month	Total PCM (including meals)
1	10	10	0	£7.16	£0	£6.64	£26.56	£0	£26.56
2	20	11.88	8.12	£7.16	£58.14	£13.28	£53.12	£256.4235	£282.9835
3	30	11.88	18.12	£7.16	£47.94	£19.92	£79.68	£590.55	£670.23
4	40	11.88	28.12	£7.16	£124.64	£26.56	£106.24	£900.82	£1007.06
5	50	11.88	38.12	£7.16	£201.34	£33.20	£132.80	£1143.66	£1276.46

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4	40	11.88	28.12	£9.72	£26.56	£106.24	£1222.90	£1329.14
5	50	11.88	38.12	£7.16	£33.20	£132.80	£1465.74	£1598.54

### **Additional Charges**

We offer additional services such as trips, events and activities which are in addition to the free early education entitlement. Parents/carers can choose to opt in/ opt out for these services. Details of the costs will be communicated to parents/carers in advance of the planned activity.

As outlined in our contract terms and conditions, we charge for our 3 weeks of closure days and 5 staff inset/well-being days at our standard private rate. This charge is a condition only for families who access additional private hours on top of their funded entitlement. For families accessing FEEE-funded hours only, these charges do not apply and are not a condition of accessing their funded hours.