

Schedule of Fees effective from 1st April 2024

Babies & Tweenies (0 – 3 years old)

	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days
LONG DAY - 7.30am - 6pm					
Inclusive of breakfast, snacks, hot lunch & tea					
Per week	£70.85	£141.70	£212.55	£283.40	£337.95
Per month	£301.11	£602.23	£903.34	£1,204.45	£1,436.31
AM SESSION - 7.30am - 12.30pm					
Inclusive of breakfast, snack & hot lunch					
Per week	£47.95	£95.90	£143.85	£191.80	£228.72
Per month	£203.79	£407.58	£611.36	£815.15	£972.07
PM SESSION - 1pm - 6pm					
Inclusive of snack and tea					
Per week	£44.70	£89.40	£134.10	£178.80	£213.22
Per month	£189.98	£379.95	£569.93	£759.90	£906.18
All fees will be charged monthly and due in advance on or before 1st of each month.					

Food included with each session

Full Day - Brek, am & pm Snack, Lunch & Tea

Morning - Brek, am Snack & Lunch

Afternoon - pm Snack & Tea

ALL DRINKS & FOOD AS STATED ABOVE ARE INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE PRICES

2 Year Funded Children - Flexible 15

15 funded hours for 2-year-olds are available for eligible families. Where you wish hours to be taken **flexibly** over 51 weeks with additional hours the prices are shown below.

If you wish to attend sessions of your choice over the whole year then we can allocate your funded hours into those sessions, with fees, as shown in the table below. These fees are representative of funding starting in September, where this starts in January or April there will be variations due to the number of weeks and months it is allocated over and in these months' fees will appear higher. Please ask for our further information

Fees for 2 year olds eligible for 570 hours of Flexible Funding Entitlement (FFE) per annum from the term after their 2nd birthday (Stretch option = 11.18 hrs per week over 51 weeks) All Food and enhanced resources are provided under this option			
Session	Funding entitlement for Days	Daily fee	Monthly fee
7.30am - 6pm	5.59 hrs per day for 2 days	£31.45	£267.35
	3.73 hrs per day for 3 days	£44.59	£568.46
	2.79 hrs per day for 4 days	£51.15	£869.58
	2.24 hrs per day for 5 days	£51.83	£1,101.43
7.30am - 12.30pm	3.73 hrs per day for 3 days	£21.69	£276.49
	2.79 hrs per day for 4 days	£28.25	£480.28
	2.24 hrs per day for 5 days	£29.99	£637.19
1pm - 6pm	3.73 hrs per day for 3 days	£18.44	£235.05
	2.79 hrs per day for 4 days	£25.00	£425.03
	2.24 hrs per day for 5 days	£28.94	£615.00

2 Year Funded Children – Just 15

Alternatively, we offer 15 hours per week stretched across 51 weeks or offer these 570 hours at 12 hours per week over 48 weeks of the year between 8am-5pm for 1.5 days. This does equate to 576 hours although there will be no additional charge for these 6 extra hours.

2 Year Funded						
SESSION TIMES INCLUDE FOOD & DRINK WHERE APPLICABLE & ENHANCED RESOURCES						
Session				Weekly fee	Monthly fee	
15	15 hrs / week over 51 weeks	8am - 6pm + 8am - 1pm **		£36.76	£156.21	
		8am - 6pm + 1pm - 6pm **		£33.51	£142.40	
FUNDED ONLY SESSIONS ***						
SESSION'S DO NOT INCLUDE ANY FOOD OR ENHANCED RESOURCES						
15	12 hrs / week over 48 weeks	**	3 Sessions from	8am - 12pm 1pm - 5pm	NIL COST	NIL COST
We have 3 of these NIL COST 12 hour places available						
NB If attending FUNDED ONLY these Sessions have limited availability as detailed within our admissions policy and are subject to change once 3yr entitlement starts, or you may choose to pay for enhanced resources. Food charged for separately if required for NIL COST PLACES						
** This pattern must include a Monday or Friday						

Flexible Funding Childcare & Education Offers

At the age of 3 years your child is eligible for 570 hours of funded education which we offer flexibly as an enhanced stretched offer of 576 hours for 48 weeks of the year. We also have some limited places to offer for 38 weeks.

Our various sessions are shown in the tables below and where parents choose to access an Enhanced Offer, over and above the basic government funded provision, then there is an additional charge that covers additional services. These services include, but are not limited to, extra hours, snacks, lunches, trips outside the nursery, parties for children, dance sessions, equipment or gifts that the children take home such as for Mother's or Father's Day and other such specific activities that the nursery buys in specifically for children. You are not obliged to take up these additional services and you can access your funded only hours at NIL COST over the 38 or 48 week sessions as shown. Any additional hours outside our funded delivery are charged for but if you are attending all year round then we ensure your funded entitlement is accounted for on your invoice usually, but not always, as a number of hours. This sum equates to your 'free' entitlement from the government and the balance relates to the fees for your remaining childcare, as shown in the Fees List, plus any outstanding monies carried forward.

A further 570 hours of extended entitlement childcare are available for eligible families. The eligibility criteria for this is available on www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. It is the parents responsibility to check their eligibility through HMRC and they must provide an eligibility code to ourselves for checking with the Local Authority prior to being able to take up the extended offer. We only offer our '30 hours' as 1140 hours stretched over 48 or 51 weeks of the year, giving an average of 22.35 hours per week. We are able to offer places at NIL COST, as shown in our Fees List, subject to availability. We do not offer 30 hours places over a 38 week Term. Please see our Admissions and Waiting list Policy for further information. Where you choose to attend all year round then your total funding entitlement will be accounted for on your invoice and shown as a number of hours. This equates to your 'free' entitlement from the government and the balance relates to the fees for your remaining childcare.

'Tax Free' Childcare Accounts

Parents will be able to apply for Tax-Free Childcare through the digital childcare service. Working parents of children aged under 12 can use Tax-Free Childcare, through the childcare service account, to pay for registered childcare. The Government will top-up the money that parents pay into the account. For every £8 parents pay in, the Government will add an extra £2. Parents can receive £2,000 per child per year, or £4,000 if disabled.

The eligibility criteria for Tax-Free Childcare are broadly aligned with 30 hours free childcare. The main differences are that Tax-Free Childcare is available for children under 12 and is not available to parents in receipt of tax credits, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers. Parents in receipt of these can choose, as part of the childcare service application, whether they want to keep these benefits and apply for the extended entitlement only or leave these and apply for Tax-Free Childcare as well as the extended entitlement. Mereside Farm Children's Nursery is registered to accept Tax Free Childcare payments through the HMRC online facility. It is still parent's responsibility to ensure payments reach us on time i.e., 1st of every month.

We would also advise parents to ensure they have read all the advice in relation to what is best for them and whether they should move from an existing scheme such as an Employer Voucher Scheme. There is a useful website that we recommend parents go to in order to help them make the right decision for them. We will not be held responsible in any way if your choice results in changes to your eligibility for other benefits or childcare costs support.

Childcare Choices

The Childcare Choices website will guide you through your options. It provides access to the application process for the childcare accounts and the 30 hour entitlement - make sure you are ticking the correct boxes for you. Eligibility for all this and the 30 hours is determined by HMRC and parents should check their own eligibility through the relevant government website. The website Childcare Choices offers you the opportunity to compare what is best for your family.

To check eligibility for Tax Free Childcare, 15 and 30 hours funding, please see the childcare choices website. www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Pre School - Flexible 15 or Flexible 30

Funding with Additional Day Care

If you wish to attend sessions of your choice over the whole year then we can allocate your funded hours into those sessions, with fees, as shown in the table below. These fees are representative of funding starting in September, where this starts in January or April there will be variations due to the number of weeks and months it is allocated over and in these months' fees will appear higher. Please ask for our further Flexible 15 or 30 Schedule of Fee Sheets.

15 hour funding			
Fees for 3 year olds eligible for 570 hours of Flexible Funding Entitlement (FFE) per annum from the term after their 3rd birthday (Stretch option = 11.18 hrs per week over 51 weeks)			
Session	Funding entitlement for Days	Daily fee	Monthly fee
7.30am - 6pm	5.59 hrs per day for 2 days	£42.41	£360.45
	3.73 hrs per day for 3 days	£51.89	£661.56
	2.79 hrs per day for 4 days	£56.63	£962.68
	2.24 hrs per day for 5 days	£56.21	£1,194.53
7.30am - 12.30pm	3.73 hrs per day for 3 days	£28.99	£369.59
	2.79 hrs per day for 4 days	£33.73	£573.38
	2.24 hrs per day for 5 days	£34.37	£730.29
1pm - 6pm	3.73 hrs per day for 3 days	£25.74	£328.15
	2.79 hrs per day for 4 days	£30.48	£518.13
	2.24 hrs per day for 5 days	£31.27	£664.41

30 hour funding			
Fees for 3 year olds eligible for 1140 hours of Flexible Funding Entitlement (FFE) per annum from the term after their 3rd birthday (Stretch option = 22.35 hrs per week over 51 weeks)			
Session	Funding entitlement for Days	Daily fee	Monthly fee
7.30am - 6pm	7.45 hrs per day for 3 days	£32.92	£419.79
	5.59 hrs per day for 4 days	£42.41	£720.90
	4.47 hrs per day for 5 days	£44.84	£952.76
7.30am - 12.30pm	2.24 hrs per day for 5 days	£22.99	£488.52
1pm - 6pm	2.24 hrs per day for 5 days	£19.89	£422.63

In order to claim funding parents must complete the Flexible Funding Agreement and the Local Authority Funding Agreement.

30-hour Eligibility Codes are applied in the Term after they are issued.

Pre School - Just 15 or Just 30

FLEXIBLE FUNDED SESSIONS					
SESSIONS INCLUDE ALL FOOD & DRINK WHERE APPLICABLE & ENHANCED RESOURCES					
Funded Hours				Weekly fee	Monthly fee
15 hrs / week over 48 weeks	8am - 6pm & 8am - 1pm **			£51.86	£220.43
	8am - 6pm & 1pm - 6pm **			£48.81	£207.43
15 hrs / week over 51 weeks	8am - 6pm & 8am - 1pm **			£58.66	£249.31
	8am - 6pm & 1pm - 6pm **			£55.41	£235.50
30 25hrs / week over 48 weeks	8am - 6pm x 2 sessions +	8am - 1pm **		£58.60	£249.05
	8am - 6pm x 2 sessions +	1pm - 6pm **		£55.54	£236.05
30 25hrs / week over 51 weeks	8am - 6pm x 2 sessions +	8am - 1pm **		£69.37	£294.84
	8am - 6pm x 2 sessions +	1pm - 6pm **		£66.12	£281.03
FUNDED ONLY SESSIONS ***					
THESE SESSIONS DO NOT INCLUDE ANY FOOD OR ENHANCED RESOURCES					
15 hrs / week over 38 weeks	**	3 sessions from	8am - 1pm 1pm - 6pm	NIL COST	NIL COST
We have 3 of these NIL COST 15 hour places available					
15 12 hrs / week over 48 weeks	**	3 Sessions from	8am - 12pm 1pm - 5pm	NIL COST	NIL COST
We have 3 of these NIL COST 12 hour places available					
30 23.75 hrs / wk over 48 weeks	**	8am-5.30pm x 2 sessions +	8am - 12.45pm or 1pm - 5.45pm	NIL COST	NIL COST
We have 2 of these NIL COST 30 hour places available					
** This pattern must include a long day (if relevant) to be taken on a Monday or Friday					
*** Sessions offered according to availability, these maybe subject to change on a termly basis					
Food charged for seperately if required for NIL COST PLACES					

FEE TERMS & CONDITIONS

Registration Fees / Refundable Deposit

Total £200, of which £150 is a refundable deposit as per t&C's

Payment of your Registration Fee / Deposit guarantees your place and entitles you to our programme of Settling Visits as per our Settling Policy. We always recommend children attend at least one settling visit following initial settle with a parent / carer to allow them to familiarise themselves with their nursery carers and surroundings.

We reserve the right to charge a Refundable Deposit of £50 for Just 15 or Just 30 places.

Fees

Nursery fees are payable for 51 weeks of the year, or for the 48 weeks of our Flexibly Funded Enhanced Offer, which includes bank holiday closures, except for Christmas week. One month's notice of leaving is required, or one month's fees in lieu of notice may be paid. For children receiving grant funding this notice period is extended to up to one term's notice but should always be at the end of a term.

Snacks, Lunch & Refreshments

Breakfast, mid-morning and afternoon snacks, hot lunch and high tea are included within the daily fees where indicated or can be purchased as extras if required. Parents may supply packed lunches if they prefer but no reduction in Fees is allowed where this is included in the price for the place. You must supply a complete list of ingredients if bringing in food due to allergen regulations. Where we have a severe allergy, we reserve the right to refuse foods or ask you to buy a hot lunch.

Allocation of Places

Our Admissions and Waiting list Policy outlines in further detail of allocation of places. This can be viewed via our policies section on our web site.

Additional Hours

Where additional hours are required, these may be booked at £9.90 per hour unless otherwise priced within the Schedule of Fees. A minimum of 1 hour is charged.

Late Collection/Non-booked hours

Where you are late in collecting your child from any session and you have not pre-booked then an initial fee of £10 will be charged for the first 15 minutes and then an additional hour at the rate of £20/hour.

Invoicing

Invoices are produced each month based on these prices. All invoices are emailed to parents on or around 23rd of each month. ***It is your responsibility to inform us if an invoice has not been received.*** Late payment charges will still be applied if payment is not on time, irrespective whether you have received an invoice or not.

Late Fees Charge

All fees are due on or before the 1st of the month. Where fees are not paid on time a ***Late Payment Charge*** of £40 per child per month will be applied. This is detailed further in the Registration Form & Parental Agreement. We pursue any debts with a strict policy that may result in exclusion if payments are not made on time.

Food charges for Just 15/30 NIL COST sessions

Food Charges - Just 15/30 NIL COST sessions		
Breakfast & morning snack	£1.70	
Hot Lunch	£4.60	
Afternoon snack & high tea	£2.80	

Subject to our General Terms & Conditions as laid out in our Registration Form & Parental Agreement, Terms & Condition are subject to change without prior notice. E&OE