

Transparent Funding

There are four types of funded hours allocated by the government at present (September 2025).

Working Family	2 Year Olds	30 Expanded Hours
Two Year Old Funding (FRAS) In Receipt Of Additional Support	2 Year Olds	15 Funded Hours
Two Year Old Funding and Working Family	2 Year Olds	15 funded hours and 15 Additional Hours
Universal	3 & 4 Year Olds	15 Universal Hours
Universal and Working Family	3 & 4 Year Olds	15 Universal Hours 15 Additional Hours

The Government funding is intended to deliver 15 or 30 hours a week of free, high quality, flexible childcare. The 15 or 30 hours must be able to be accessed free of charge to parents. There must not be any mandatory charges for parents in relation to the free hours.

The Government funding **is not** intended to cover the costs of meals, other consumables, additional hours or additional services.

<u>Fees</u>

We charge a refundable deposit of £25. This reserves your place and will be refunded once your child starts with us.

Any unfunded hours are charged as follows which are the current government rates in Worcestershire: -

- £5.37 per hour (qualifying period the term after the child turns three year of age).
- £7.33 per hour for two year olds (a different rate due to higher staff ratio's).

The 15 or 30 funded hours can be taken in 3 hourly sessions from 9.00 - 12.00 and / or 12.00 - 3.00 throughout the week (Total of 6 hours per day if required).

We do have unfunded wrap around hours at £5 per half hour 8.30 - 9.00 and 3.00 - 3.30.



We offer lots of wonderful additional activities that you can opt in to participate.

Please see the extra activities we cover so you can choose when to attend. These extra activities are not directly related or necessary for the effective delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework so a fee can be charged.

The Voluntary Contributions allow us to give the children different experiences to learn from, and give us the opportunity to bring outside teachers. You will be asked to opt in or opt out of these voluntary contributions on a termly basis for these activities.

If you choose to opt out of Cooking or Forest Schools you will be asked to provide the consumables or resources needed for your child to participate.

For activities with outside teachers, such as French, Pyjama Drama and Yoga you are choosing for your child to not participate in the activity. In this case, your child will have access to the standard nursery curriculum.

Families who are using the (FRAS) funding code and qualify for (EYPP) Early Years Pupil Premium, will have the option to use this to pay for activities or to provide new resources to further support their development.

We will issue a Termly invoice which will reflect the choices made and will find the most cost-efficient way for you to attend. Invoices need to be paid a month in advance.

Invoices will be broken down as follows:

- the free entitlement hours
- additional private paid hours
- activities charges
- adhoc activities
- uniform

There is an additional charge whenever a child is collected outside agreed times without our prior arrangement or phone call (currently £10.00).

Full fees are payable during holiday and sickness absences.

Fees are payable by the due date stated on the bill, usually the week after the bill is sent. Invoice need to be paid a month in advance.



Interest will be charged on unpaid fees outstanding for more than one month at the rate of 10% p.a. and we may withdraw your child's place from nursery until payment is received.

A terms notice needs to be given to withdraw a child from the Nursery or reduce the number of sessions to be attended and in default fees will be payable in lieu of notice. If you change setting during the term the nursery has the right to keep the funding provided by the government, exceptions do apply, please ask for details.

We have published our admissions criteria and ensure parents understand which hours/sessions can be taken as free funded provision (Prospectus).

We have published a complaints procedure, accessible for parents who are not satisfied their child has received their free entitlement in the correct way, as set out in this agreement and in Early Education and Childcare Statutory guidance for Local Authorities (Fees and Payments).



Nursery Fees (Form)

Please Tick the Opt In box, if you want your child to participate in the activity and are opting to pay the voluntary fees for the term.

or

Please Tick the Opt Out box, if you do not want your child to participate in the activity for the term.

Please be aware we may need to withdraw the activity if we do not have enough voluntary contributions.

		Opt In	Opt Out			Opt In	Opt Out	
Monday am	French £3			Monday pm	Music and			
					Movement £2			
Tuesday am	Pyjama			Tuesday pm	Rising Stars £1			
	Drama£4							
Wednesday	Cooking £3			Wednesday	Sensory Play			
am				pm	£2			
Thursday am	Rising Stars £1			Thursday	Yoga/Pilates			
				pm	£4			
Friday am	Forest Schools			Friday pm	Beat Baby £2			
	£3							
Do you qualify for EYPP? Yes No								
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The Cooking Activity and Forest Schools type activity include resources and consumables charges. If you would like your child to participate but are opting out of the voluntary contributions you will be given a list of ingredients and resources needed. If you do not bring in the resources or ingredients needed, your child will not be able to participate. The ingredients must meet the current dietary requirements of the children. I need a list of ingredients (dairy, gluten and wheat free) and resources to be provided.								
We will let you know when we plan to do adhoc activities so your child can participate. This will incur an additional voluntary charge if you want to participate. For example Animal Mania, Bouncy Castle, Visit to Museum, Christmas Party. The price will vary for these activities.								
Any additional hours not covered by 2-year-old or 3-year-old funding will be charged in line with the government funded hours: £5.37 per hour for 3 year olds the term after their third birthday £7.33 per hour for 2 year olds								
Wrap around Care								
	8.	30 – 9.00	£5 ar	nd 3.00 – 3.30) £5			
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