



THE COTTAGE NURSERY and NURSERY SCHOOL

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REVIEW OF NURSERY FEES

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over this difficult year and we hope that you have all been pleased with the nursery and the role we have been able to play. Please let us know if there is something you're not happy with or have ideas about how we might improve - we will try our best.

We are aware of the burden childcare fees can place on a family, but sadly costs, which are unavoidable and outside of our control, have to be passed on as fee increases. We do operate efficiently and I'm sure you know our fees are very competitive. Staffing represents about 70% of the nursery's costs and pay this year has increased by a record 6.5% plus an extra 1% pension contribution – both increases due to legislation changes. However, our staff do a wonderful job and it is fair that they are paid in a way that reflects their skills. Naturally there have been other increases, mainly Covid related, to the goods and the services that the nursery uses. It is also important that we have funds to be able to maintain and develop the nursery - we are committed to continually improving the nursery experience for children. We have added our sensory room at the Cottage and as well as "Lingotots" we have now introduced "Baby Talk" and Jo-Jingles music.

MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR GRANT WITH PREP 1 NURSERY SCHOOL

The nursery does represent great value and the provision of education and teaching effort, linked to the Prep School is we believe unrivalled - we really are the area's leading educational nursery. Speaking of value, if for example, you're a working parent on 30hrs grant and requiring wrap-around care, you may actually save money keeping your child in Prep 1. Wrap-around care associated with a typical local state school is going to cost about £20 per day, plus holidays! Add snacks and lunches on top of this and compare those costs with our inclusive fees below - very little difference! We are also confident your child will receive a better education in our Prep 1, where they are already settled and where we will continue to develop their reading, writing and cognitive skills, helping them to make a success of their move to big school when the time comes. Or if you prefer, the possibility of continuing this super start through into the excellent Prep School, which is also great value, we can take care of your child's crucial development year's right through to 11.

Be Aware: One common misconception is that moving a child early to a local nursery school will guarantee them a place in that school's reception class – it won't. Parents are often disappointed and children unsettled again when they are offered a reception place at another school.

The new nursery fees are set out below and will be effective from Monday 30th November 2020 for weekly payments and from 1st December 2020 for monthly payments.

STANDARD NURSERY	Fees per wk
Full time	£210.00
Full time – term (38 wk)**	£232.82
Day Rate (up to 3 days)	£53.00 pd
4 day Place	£195.00
Part time mornings	£116.00
Part time afternoons	£94.00
Short time mornings	£87.00
Short time afternoons	£74.00
Session morning	£34.00
Session afternoon	£30.00

NURSERY SCHOOL / WK	15 hr Grant	30 hr Grant
Full time	£150.00	£115.00
Full time – term (38 wk)**	£166.33	£127.50
NS PART TIME PLACES***		
Day Rate (up to 3 days)	£36.00 pd	£24.00 pd
4 day Place	£138.00	£100.00
Part time mornings	£64.00	£40.00
Part time afternoons	£43.00	£18.00
Free Place term time	£0.00****	£0.00****
Short Time am (3ams inc)	£40.00	
Short Time pm (3pms inc)	£29.00	

See over for notes on fees.....

NOTES ON FEES

All places are for "all year round" unless otherwise stated. All year round is a place for 49.8 weeks per year (excludes nursery closures) and is best value for working parents who want a place reserved all year.

To qualify for nursery school fees, either the funded 15hrs or the more recent 30hrs, your child must be eligible for nursery grant. Your child will become eligible in the term after the term in which they become 3 years old - nursery grant can then be claimed for 2 years while attending Prep1 or Prep 2 classes. The 15 hours grant is universal but please note that the 30 hours funding is not universal and additional qualification rules apply, see below. You may not qualify for 30 hours funding.

* 30 Hours grant funded places have been available since 2017 – please note that not all parents will qualify. You must go online to check your eligibility; if you are eligible you will get a code, which you will need to give us. You will also need to apply online, and re-apply every 3 months to qualify for and retain the additional grant. The website for information is www.childcarechoices.gov.uk and there is a helpline telephone no is 0300 123 4097.

The nursery will not be liable for 30hr claims made incorrectly or too late and normal fees (15hrs grant) will be charged in these cases. These rules are set by the government and are strictly applied, we have no control over this but we will try and help you where we can.

** Weekly rate, payable for 38 weeks per year only and includes 35% holiday retainer.

*** Grant can only be applied to one type of part time place.

**** Free Place – Normally, either; 3 (free 15 hours) or 6 sessions (free 30 hours), either am or pm, on separate days in term time only. You will be charged for breakfast, lunch and a dessert (£4.00pd) per am and Snack and a light tea (£2.00pd) per pm. Places are subject to availability and days may be subject to change on a term by term basis. Sessions may be added to the free place and these will be charged at standard nursery fees (see above). Term dates are available on request or at <http://clarendoncottage-school.co.uk/> and go to term dates.

Tax Free Childcare

Tax Free Childcare is a government scheme which is designed to assist families with their childcare. If you pay using Tax Free Childcare the government will pay 20% of the fees, saving you a large amount on your childcare. You can find out more about this at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk or come talk to us in the office and we can help you receive this funding.

Family Discount

Family Discount levels are updated each September and were published earlier in the year, but to remind you the new levels are given in the table below. Combined average weekly fees are taken as the total fees paid in the year, including childcare costs at the Prep School, and then divided over the 49.8 weeks we are open. To qualify for Family Discount you must have at least 2 of your children in the nursery or the school.

<u>FAMILY DISCOUNT</u> (from Sept 2020)	
<u>Combined Av Weekly Fees</u>	<u>Discount</u>
Up to £310	10%
£296-£475	12.5%
Over £475	15%

Notes on Term Time Places

In order to bring the term dates more in line with the local authority and also to comply with the requirement that the nursery grant be spread over 38 weeks, our standard school term dates (37 weeks) are supplemented by one extra week to make 38 weeks. The extra week will always be the second week of the whit break (next year this is Monday 7th June 2021 to Friday 11th June 2021 inc). All other weeks will be as our published school term dates.

Again, we would like to thank you for your support of the nursery and would like to wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

Directors