



THE COTTAGE NURSERY and NURSERY SCHOOL

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Fees as February 2024

Upcoming Government Help with Fees

In addition to the Tax Funded Childcare, the government has promised that there is more help on the way for parents paying for childcare. It has announced it will extend its grant provision, currently available to older children, to younger aged children. Currently your child is only eligible for nursery grant from the term after the term in which they become 3 years old.

So, from April 2024, children aged 2 and over should be eligible for 15 hours grant and from Sept 2024 children from 9 months old should also qualify for 15 hours grant. This means that the government will fund a nursery place for your child for 15 hours each week for 38 weeks per year (term time). This will represent a big help with fees and the grant will offset the standard rates you pay. So, you will then pay top up fees rather than the full amount. It is important to note that all parents whose children turn two before 31st March 2024, will need to apply for a 15 hour grant code prior to April 2024 in order to access this funding. You will be able to apply from 2nd January 2024 and it is recommended you do this as early as possible to get your code in good time. Also, then from Sept 2025 children over 9 months will also become eligible for the full 30 hours grant which will double the amount of help you will get, if you qualify for this. This is as much as we currently know and as soon as we know more, we will keep you informed.

NEW RATES from 1st Feb 2024	Standard Rate	15 Hour Grant	30 Hour Grant
Full Time	£269.00	£193.00	£153.00
Full Time TT	£310.00	£220.00	£174.00
1 Day (Extra Day)	£66.50	N/A	N/A
2 Day	£133.00	£89.00	£61.00
3 Day	£199.50	£140.00	£92.00
4 Day	£243.00	£175.00	£129.00
AM (Extra Session)	£44.00	N/A	N/A
PM (Extra Session)	£37.00	N/A	N/A

NOTES ON FEES

Fees are worked out on a place for 49.8 weeks per year (excludes nursery closures; Christmas, Bank Holidays) and is best value for working parents who want a place reserved all year.

There are a limited number of full time term time places available at the nursery, we do put a cap on these places as they block another child attending for the whole year round and our costs are on a year round basis not a term time only basis. If you wish to attend term time this is subject to availability and at the discretion of the manager. Full Time Term time places correspond with the Prep School's published term dates. 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 5th June 2023 to Friday 9th June 2023 inc).

Grant funded places

These are available to all children aged 3 – 5 years (there is also limited number of 2 year old 15 hour funded places available from the local authority). 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 (for 3-5 yr olds) 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 so we can claim it. You will 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.

From April 2024 children aged 2 years and above also become eligible for the 15 hours grant – you must apply for this through the childcare choices website and provide the code to the nursery so that we can make this claim for you. From September 2024 this will become available for children 9 months and over.

The nursery will not be liable for 30hr claims (3-5yrs) or 15hr claims (9 mths-3 yrs) made incorrectly or too late and normal fees 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.

Any extra sessions which your child attends are charged at the standard rate as your child's entire grant is used within your regular place, so anything additional is charged outside of the grant rates.

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 Family Discount is set at 10%. To qualify for Family Discount you must have at least 2 of your children in the nursery or the school. Family discount will not apply to your eldest child and does not apply to any children who are receiving grant funding (this is already a discounted place).