

Using Government Funded Hours at Forest Park

We aim to be open and transparent about our fees and the delivery of Government funded early years entitlements. We operate primarily as a **private, full-day nursery**, while also offering funded early education places in line with Department for Education (DfE) statutory guidance.

We recommend in the first instance you visit the government website <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk> for information on funding is and how to apply.

Most of our families choose a **private, all-inclusive place** and use their Government funded hours to reduce the cost of childcare. This means:

- Funded hours are provided free at no charge and parents only pay for additional private hours and services
- Meals, snacks, extra curricular activities and consumables are included as part of our private service only
- Funded hours and private charges are shown separately on invoices
- You have full flexibility to make changes (availability permitting)
- Sessions booked on a private agreement are fully guaranteed for the duration of your time at nursery and can be amended (if space permits and giving the required notice)

A funded-only option is also available (subject to availability see below).

Example Fees When Using Funding and Private Hours

The examples below show what parents typically pay after funded hours have been applied to our private fee schedule.

These fees relate only to non-funded hours and services.

Session Type	0-2 Year Old	3-4 Year Old
Full Day 8am – 6pm (with 9 funded hours)	£23.05	£27.20
AM or PM 8am – 1pm/1pm – 6pm (with 4 funded hours)	£16.40	£18.40
Early Start	£7	£7

Please Note

- Only private hours are charged
 - We are open all year round but as the government only provide funding for 38 weeks this is spread across the whole year, therefore if you receive 30 hours it will equal 22 hours per week and 15 hours will equal 11 hours per week
 - Fees vary depending on attendance pattern and age
 - A personalised fee breakdown can be provided if required
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Private Fees (Without Funding)

Fees for families who are not eligible for any funding and require a fully private place:

Standard Fees (Private Hours)

Session	0–2 Years	3-5 years
Full Day	£95.50	£92
AM/PM Session	£52	£52
Early Start	£7	£7

Why Parents Choose a Private Places

- Guaranteed place and sessions for the duration of your time at nursery
 - All meals (breakfast, lunch, tea and snacks) included
 - Extra curricular activities such as French and Music
 - Celebrations and Parties included (eg. Summer Graduation)
 - Consistent routines and full-day care
 - No need to provide anything extra
 - Simple monthly billing
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Funded Hours Only Places

We offer a small number of funded-only places for families who wish to access their Government funded early years entitlement without additional private hours and services.

- Funded hours are provided with no charge
- Parents are not able to purchase extra hours, meals or services
- Places are available subject to availability and staffing capacity

Funded-Only Session Times

- Full Day: 9:00am – 5:00pm
- Afternoon Session: 2:00pm – 6:00pm

What's Included

- Early education and care during funded hours

What's Not Included

- Meals, snacks and drinks
- Consumables
- Extracurricular activities such as events, celebration and specialist tuition (eg. language and music classes, graduation parties)

Parents must provide all food and consumables for funded-only children, in line with DfE, NHS, EYFS nutritional guidance 2025 document and food safety guidance, and will need to strictly follow our food from home policy.

Important Information

- Funded-only places are allocated termly and are not guaranteed for future terms. You will be notified 2 weeks before the start of each term on session availability.
- Once a place has been confirmed due to high demand we will not be able to make any amendments.
- A funded-only place does not include access to private all-inclusive services

Families who require full-day, year-round care with guaranteed long term booking pattern may prefer our **private, all-inclusive places**, with funded hours applied where eligible.