



Cherubs Ilkeston Nursery

Pricing Policy and Funded Hours Offer

2026
April





Standard Full Day

The full day starts at 7:30am – 6:00pm. We ask that children are collected at 5:45pm to ensure time for sharing of information etc. as the nursery closes at 6pm prompt. This session includes breakfast which ends at 8:00am, mid-morning snack and two course lunch, mid-afternoon snack and a light tea.

£82.00

Short Days

We offer a range of short days:

7:30 – 3:30 | 8:30 – 4:30 | 9:30 – 5:30

We ask that children are collected 15 minutes prior to end of session to ensure time for sharing of information etc.

£70.00



Standard Morning Session

The morning sessions starts at 7:30am - 1pm.

We respectfully request that children are collected at 12:45pm to allow time for sharing of information etc, before the afternoon session starts at 1pm prompt. This session includes breakfast which ends at 8:00am, mid-morning snack and two course lunch.

£51.75



Standard Afternoon Session

The afternoon sessions start at 1pm - 6pm. We ask that children are collected at 5:45pm to ensure time for sharing of information etc. as the nursery closes at 6pm prompt. This session includes mid-afternoon snack and a light tea.

£50.50



Funded 15 Hours Entitlement

Option 1

One full day per week between Monday and Friday (Enhanced Offering)

This option is from 7.30am till 6pm. We request that children are collected at 5.45pm to allow time for sharing of information etc. The nursery closes at 6pm prompt.

The additional cost for this option is £23.90 per day. This covers 0.5 hours that is not included within the funded entitlement, which are charged as part of our standard rate. Consumables and enhancements are charged at £2.00 per funded hour.

Calculation is as follows - $13.5 \text{ hours} \times 38 \text{ weeks} = 513 / 51 \text{ weeks} = 10 \text{ hours funding per week (per day)*}$

£23.90
per day

Option 2

Two full days per week between Monday and Friday (Enhanced Offering)

This option is from 7.30am till 6pm. We request that children are collected at 5.45pm to allow time for sharing of information etc. The nursery closes at 6pm prompt.

The additional cost for this option is £49.52 per day. This covers 4.91 hours that is not included within the funded entitlement, which are charged as part of our standard rate. Consumables and enhancements are charged at £2.00 per funded hour.

Calculation is as follows - $15 \text{ hours} \times 38 \text{ weeks} = 570 / 51 \text{ weeks} = 11.18 \text{ hours funding per week (5.59 per day)*}$

£49.52
per day

Option 3

Five afternoons per week between Monday to Friday (1.15pm until 3.30pm)

Consumables are not included and parents/carers will need to provide their own (excluding food). Please note that fees apply as stated in your childcare agreement for late collection outside of the entitlement.

Calculation is as follows - $15 \text{ hours} \times 38 \text{ weeks} = 570 / 51 \text{ weeks} = 11.18 \text{ hours funding per week (2.23 per day)*}$

Fully
Funded

Option 4 (Opting Out)

One full day per week available on a Monday or Friday only (Basic Offering)

By choosing to "opt out" parents/carers must supply their own consumables (excluding food) in line with our basic package offering. The mandatory cost of meals is currently £10.00 per day which allows us to maintain the upmost safety around the management of those children with allergies, intolerances and dietary requirements. This covers 0.5 hours that is not included within the funded entitlement, which are charged as part of our standard rate.

Calculation is as follows - $13.5 \text{ hours} \times 38 \text{ weeks} = 513 / 51 \text{ weeks} = 10 \text{ hours funding per week (per day)*}$

£13.90
Per day

***Please note** that the distribution of early years funding for the year is based on the specific number of funded days that fall within the current academic year. Because this year contains a different number of funded days compared to previous years, the funding spread across the year may not match past patterns. Although the distribution of funding may look different, the total annual entitlement for each eligible child remains unchanged and continues to follow statutory government funding guidelines.



Funded 30 Hours Entitlement

Option 1

Two full days per week between Monday and Friday (Enhanced Offering)

This option is from 7.30am till 6pm. We request that children are collected at 5.45pm to allow time for sharing of information etc. The nursery closes at 6pm prompt.

The additional cost for this option is £23.90 per day. This covers 0.5 hours not included within the funded entitlement, which is charged as part of our standard rate. Consumables and enhancements are charged at £2.00 per funded hour.

Calculation is as follows - $27 \text{ hours} \times 38 \text{ weeks} = 1026 / 51 \text{ weeks} = 20 \text{ hours funding per week (10 per day)}^*$

£23.90
per day

Option 2

Three full days a week between Monday to Friday (Enhanced Offering)

This option is from 7.30am till 6pm. We request that children are collected at 5.45pm to allow time for sharing of information etc. The nursery closes at 6pm prompt.

The additional cost for this option is £38.72 per day. This covers 3.05 hours not included within the funded entitlement, which are charged as part of our standard rate. Consumables and enhancements are charged at £2.00 per funded hour.

Calculation is as follows - $30 \text{ hours} \times 38 \text{ weeks} = 1140 / 51 \text{ weeks} = 22.35 \text{ hours funding per week (7.45 per day)}^*$

£38.72
per day

Option 3

Five mornings per week between Monday to Friday 7.30am until 12pm

Breakfast and mid-morning snack is included with this option, however, all other consumables (excluding food) will need to be provided by parents/carers. Please note that fees apply as stated in your childcare agreement for late collection outside of the entitlement.

Calculation is as follows - $30 \text{ hours} \times 38 \text{ weeks} = 1140 / 51 \text{ weeks} = 22.35 \text{ hours funding per week}^*$

Fully
Funded

Option 4 (Opting Out)

Two full days per week available on a Monday and Friday only (Basic Offering)

By choosing to "opt out" parents/carers must supply their own consumables (excluding food) in line with our basic package offering (further information can be found below). The mandatory cost of meals is currently £10.00 per day which allows us to maintain the upmost safety around the management of those children with allergies, intolerances and dietary requirements. This covers 1 hours that is not included within the funded entitlement, which are charged as part of our standard rate.

Calculation is as follows - $27 \text{ hours} \times 38 \text{ weeks} = 1026 / 51 \text{ weeks} = 20 \text{ hours funding per week (10 per day)}^*$

£13.90
Per day

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About Government Funding

As an early years provider, we fully recognise the significant benefits that high-quality early education brings to children, families and the wider community. Allowing our parents to utilise Government funding reduces the overall cost and enables children to build strong foundations in learning, confidence and social development at a crucial stage of their lives, supporting school readiness and long-term outcomes.

Government funding is designed to cover the basic delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). This includes staff time for education and care during your child's funded hours. However, like all nurseries nationally, we face increasing costs for food, specialist activities, consumables, digital systems and enrichment opportunities. These items fall outside of the funded entitlement and must be charged for separately. In the interest of transparency, we have put together this guide that covers both opting in and out of our additional charges, and what adjustments can be made to accommodate a fully "free" funded session at Cherubs Nurseries.

The Reality of Government-funded Childcare

Government funding does not cover the true cost of high quality early years education and this has resulted in many nurseries choosing to stop offering funded places. However, like most nurseries nationwide, we cover the cost of our enhanced provision by allowing parents to select our enhanced package.

At Cherubs Nurseries, we want to continue to offer funded places. This is only possible if our parents understand why we have separate packages and continue to 'opt-in' to pay for the enhancements, as they always have.

What is covered by Government-funded childcare?

Government funding covers basic EYFS provision which meets the statutory requirements. This includes:

- Basic small world figures and role play materials
- Basic puzzles and books
- Basic art and craft supplies
- Basic water play and sand play
- Basic construction toys and loose parts
- Meeting minimum Ofsted staffing ratios

Government guidance requires nurseries offering funded places to be transparent about charges for enhancements and consumables, and to provide parents with an option to 'opt-out' of these charges.

How Government Entitlement shows on your Invoice

To provide clarity in line with national expectations, your invoice includes two clearly separated sections.

- Session Costs (top section):

Shows your child's days of attendance for the coming month

Lists the value of funded hours which are applied

Displays the remaining payable hours (those not covered by government funding)

- Your selected page - either Basic (food included) or Enhanced (bottom section):

Itemises daily charges for food, consumables and enhancements during funded hours.

Includes any extra sessions booked or discounts applied to your account.

This structure mirrors the sector-wide move toward transparent and itemised billing, and aligns with the expectations of our Local Authorities.



Our Enhanced Offer

We strongly believe that early years education should be rich, engaging and full of meaningful opportunities. The experiences we offer go well beyond the basic funded entitlement, and the associated consumables and enhanced services cost more to provide than the funding covers. These charges allow us to maintain:

- Our high standards of care
- A bespoke, broad and stimulating curriculum
- High-quality, sustainable and responsibility-sourced resources
- A well-trained staff team, during a period of national recruitment and retention pressure

Our Basic Offer

Under the Government funding offer, parents can choose to “opt out” of consumables and enhancements. This does mean that your child’s experience will be adjusted, as we are not able to enhance their nursery experience with anything above basic Government funded EYFS provision.

Funded hours for opt-out families will be arranged based on nursery availability, which means days may change from term to term. We currently have these sessions available on a Monday and a Friday.

By choosing to “opt out”:

- Parents must supply their own consumables including nappies, wipes, sun cream and nappy sacks.
- Enhanced provision experiences are not included, but we will always maintain a high standard of care, and meet our legal obligations.
- Parents will not receive a daily diary sheet via the Nursery App.

Families have the option to opt out of all consumables (including food) and enhancements by selecting Option 3 in our Fee Policy:

- Monday–Friday, 1:15pm–3:30pm **(15-hours funding)**
- Monday–Friday, 7:30am–12:00pm **(30 hours-funding)**

You cannot opt out of meals. The cost of meals is currently £10 per day. This is to allow us to maintain the upmost safety around the management of those children with allergies, intolerances and dietary requirements.



Enhanced vs Basic Offer

What's included?	Basic	Enhanced
Care Package Kit and Kin nappies, wipes and sacks (Under 3s). Sun cream and emergency medication.	✗	✓
Food and Meals Breakfast, Morning Snack, 2-course Lunch, Afternoon Tea and Afternoon Snack.	✓	✓
Extra-Curricular Activities (Cherubs Enrich+) Sports Coach, LullaBaby, Zumbini and Forest School	✗	✓
Nursery in a Box and Parent App	✓	✓
Daily Diary Sheet (Under 3s)	✗	✓
Systems supporting funding administration	✓	✓
Pre-School Graduation	✗	✓
Parent workshops and support events	✗	✓
Cultural Celebrations (eg Halloween Party)	✗	✓
Annual Art Show	✗	✓
Regular Stay and Play Sessions	✗	✓
Annual School and Beyond Evening (for Pre-School Leavers)	✗	✓
Christmas Santa visit and present	✗	✓
Our bespoke "I Can" Curriculum, above and beyond the EYFS	✗	✓
Trips and Outings	✗	✓
Cooking Sessions	✗	✓
Community Life and Visits (including Library and Residential Home)	✗	✓
Visitors to Nursery	✗	✓



Additional Information

- Our term start dates - Autumn term - 1st September, Spring term - 1st January, Summer term - 1st May.
- A calendar months' notice must be given before the end of the grace period to terminate the childcare place. The childcare place will automatically revert to the standard sessions charged at the current rate when the appropriate notice is not given.
- All additional charges outside of the entitlement are payable in accordance with the Cherubs Terms and Conditions.
- Claims for funding are made in accordance with the nursery's ability to deliver the funded entitlement and may not be for the full hours, depending on the start date and attendance pattern of the child.
- 15 hours places for 3 and 4 year olds do not require an eligibility code but a completed declaration form and registration form is required.
- There are strict timelines in place for claiming. It is the responsibility of the parents to ensure eligibility applications and forms are completed in time and these codes are always kept up to date.
- Parents should be aware that a reduction in childcare costs due to funding could result in a loss of other entitlements.
- As circumstances change daily, allocation of funded sessions is subject to availability and places are limited and at the discretion of the Nursery Manager.
- When a funded place has been allocated it will not be possible to make changes for that term.
- Early drop off charges are as follows:
 - Up to 15 minutes: £5.00
 - 15 - 30 minutes: £12.50
 - 30 - 60 minutes: £25.00
 - 60 minutes or above: Standard full day rate
- Late collection charges are as follows:
 - Up to 15 minutes: (informed) N/A (not informed) £10.00
 - 15 - 30 minutes: (informed) £12.50 (not informed) £25.00
 - 30 - 60 minutes: (informed) £25 (not informed) £50.00
 - 60 minutes or above: Standard full day rate
- Priority for allocation of funded hours will be given to families already enrolled at the nursery.
- Any hours not taken due to absence cannot be re-allocated.
- All applicants for funded hour places will be required to complete an "EARLY YEARS FUNDED ENTITLEMENT PARENTAL DECLARATION FORM" provided by the Local Authority. This form can be obtained from the Head of Nursery.
- Proof of eligibility for all funded places must be provided. This can be a TYF (Two Year Funding) reference number or an eligibility code provided by the government childcare service account. Working families funding codes will need to be updated every 3 months to stay valid.
- Extra sessions are charged at our standard rate, with an additional ad-hoc charge and are due for payment prior to or on the day of the extra session. Extra sessions booked more than 7 days in advance will have an ad-hoc rate of £2.50 per session applied. Extra sessions booked less than 7-days in advance will have an ad-hoc rate of £3.50 per session applied. To cancel an extra session, we require a calendar month's notice, in writing.
- Where attendance exceeds the agreed times, late charges apply in accordance with the Cherubs Terms and Conditions.



Nursery Closure Dates

Thursday 1 st January (New Years Day)	★	Bank Holiday
Friday 3 rd April (Good Friday)	★	Bank Holiday
Monday 6 th April (Easter Bank Holiday)	★	Bank Holiday
Monday 4 th May (Early May Bank Holiday)	★	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 th May (Spring Bank Holiday)	★	Bank Holiday
Monday 31 st August (Summer Bank Holiday)	★	Bank Holiday
Thursday 24 th December		Non-payable day
Friday 25 th December (Christmas Day)	★	Bank Holiday
Monday 28 th December (Boxing Day Substitute)	★	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 29 th December		Non-payable day
Wednesday 30 th December		Non-payable day
Thursday 31 st December		Non-payable day

★ Payable day