

NURSERY INFORMATION

Fees Explanation and FAQs 2018-2019

Three payment plans apply:

PAY PER SESSION is our flexible plan to suit your needs. Simply tell us the sessions you wish your child to attend and you will be charged at the published rate for each session. You can increase or decrease your sessions giving a week's notice, subject to availability. Please see 'What if I want to increase the number of sessions I want during a term?' in the FAQs opposite.

MORNING SESSION RATE - 9.00AM TO 12.00PM:
£24.25 (or £11.62 after Early Years Funding*)

AFTERNOON SESSION RATE - 12.00PM TO 3.00PM:
£24.25 (or £11.62 after Early Years Funding*)

PLAN-5 and **PLAN-10** allow parents who wish to commit to more time in school to be charged at a discounted rate.

- to qualify for the **PLAN-5**, sign up for 5 mornings a week to earn a discount of 10%
- to qualify for the **PLAN-10**, sign up for full time Nursery education (10 sessions per week) from the beginning of a term to earn a discount of 18%

Early Years Funding (EYF) - is available to you for six terms (2 years) from the term after your child's third birthday. Local Government will give you funding towards 5 sessions of Nursery Education. At Thorpe Hall parents with children of qualifying age will receive £12.63 per session remission of fees for up to 5 sessions per week.

*EYF is subject to change.

Staying on

Parents who have signed up for the **PLAN-5** for a term or more before their child begins Reception Class will receive money off Reception Class or Year 1 fees to the value of £200.

Parents who have signed up for the **PLAN-10** for a term or more before their child begins Reception Class will receive money off Reception Class or Year 1 fees to the value of £600.

Money off can be claimed from the term after Early Years Funding finishes.

Frequently Asked Questions

How is lunchtime charged?

The cost of a lunch is £2.65 and if your child stays for the afternoon session this will be added to your invoice. If you would like your child just to stay for lunch after the morning session but then come home at 1.15pm, you will be charged a total of £9.02 for that time, including the lunch.

How much is before and after school care?

We charge £6.37 for before school care, which starts at 7.30am; and £6.37 per hour for after school care which ends at 5.00pm. If you are late picking your child up the school may add a surcharge of £15.00 plus the charge for an extra hour.

What if I want to increase the number of sessions I have during a term?

There is a minimum requirement of two sessions per week in our Nursery and Pre-Nursery. Please note, any additional availability as the term progresses is unlikely due to high demand for places. Please feel free to ask for advice from staff.

My invoice seems unduly complicated; can someone break it down for me and explain it?

Funding arrangements for Early Years are indeed quite complex and your invoice aims to reflect accurately exactly what you should pay for the sessions you are booked in for, the possible discounts you are entitled to and the EYFS funding you receive too. Our Finance Officer, Mrs Hutchings, is more than happy to talk this through with you.

I have heard that my postcode entitles me to a higher level of Early Years Funding; is that right and will I receive it?

Yes, it is true that the value of Early Years Funding is dependent on your address. Initially, we calculate all funding on the same basis but we audit every family's account a year after you start to receive funding to make sure you have not lost out and refund money to you if you have.

Can I bundle all my funding together to buy a few sessions for free?

No; Thorpe Hall adds significant value to Nursery and Reception Class Education compared to other nurseries that allow you sessions at zero cost; we need to charge accordingly.

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