Nursery Information

Fees Explanation and FAQ - September 2023 - August 2024



Fees:

We offer a flexible choice of sessions, agreed at the start of term, subject to availability. Fees are invoiced on a termly basis. There is a minimum requirement of three sessions per week in our Pre-Nursery and five sessions per week in Nursery and 5 sessions per week in our Upper Nursery (children move into the Upper Nursery at least 1 year before they are due to start school).

MORNING SESSION: 8.30AM - 12.00PM

ALL DAY (COUNTS AS TWO SESSIONS): 8.30AM TO 3.00PM INCLUDING LUNCH

£29.70 per session

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

*Early Years Funding (EYF) - is available to you from the term after your child's third birthday until your child starts Reception. Local Government will give you funding towards five sessions of Nursery

Education. At Thorpe Hall parents with children of qualifying age will receive £14.49* per session remission of fees for up to five sessions per week (one session is 3 hours). Parent Declaration forms must be completed termly to obtain the funding. *EYF is subject to change.

Staying on

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

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

Frequently Asked Questions

How is lunchtime charged?

Lunches are payable via ParentPay, our online payment system. Lunches are charged at £3.45 per day. You will need to top up the payment item regularly to ensure you remain in credit, and any funds left over at the end of the academic year will be refunded to you.

If your child attends full time (10 sessions a week), you have the option to pay termly. You can pay upfront per term, and will therefore qualify for the discounted daily rate of £3.20.

How much is before and after school care? We charge £7.12 per hour for before school care, which starts at 7.30am; and £7.12 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?

Due to high demand for places in our Nursery, it is unlikely that additional sessions will be available as the term progresses. However, please do talk to our Nursery team about your requirements and any changes as soon as possible.

What if I have a query with my invoice? 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 Team is more than happy to talk this through with you.

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

No; Thorpe Hall School adds significant value to Nursery and Reception Class education compared to other nurseries that allow you sessions at zero cost.

Who do I speak to for further information?

For information about Nursery admissions and places, contact our Admissions Officer on 01702 582340, or email admissions@thorpehallschool.co.uk

For information about fees, Early Years Funding or to ask for a Parent Declaration Form, contact our Finance Team on 01702 582340, or email finance@thorpehallschool.co.uk.