



Woodentots
Nursery

Fees and Funding

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Nursery Admissions

Woodentots Nursery is available to serving personnel, MOD civil servants and contractors, with priority given to those working within HMS Collingwood. If places allow, consideration is given to families who fall into the same categories, but based outside of the establishment.

Our service is tailored to provide workplace nursery facilities, for families who primarily need early years care and education for two full days or more each week, all year round.

Priority is given to siblings of children already attending and those who require full time places.

A very limited number of school term time places are available within each age group.

We are registered to provide the Government funded hours and offer a range of attendance plans with the aim to provide families with a variety of childcare options to suit their requirements. Irrespective of which plan is selected, each child receives their full entitlement of funded hours **completely free of charge.**

Allocation of Sessions

We know every family's needs are different. While many children attend full-time, more parents are now requesting part-time care, often two or three days a week. We are happy to offer part-time places where possible, but we want to be open about how these are allocated.

Most families request Tuesday to Thursday, which can leave our Mondays and Fridays underused. These gaps increase running costs, and ultimately, fees. To keep our pricing fair for everyone, we need to balance attendance across the week.

We carefully fit part-time places together, like a jigsaw. This means we may not always be able to offer your exact preferred days, but we will always discuss alternatives that work for you and for us.

If you're requesting part-time care, we'll do our best to meet your preferred days. Where this isn't possible, we'll discuss alternative options with you. We're always happy to explore whether a different combination of days could still meet your needs while helping us make the most of our available spaces.

Government funding

There are a number of funding schemes available for families that either deliver 15 or 30 hours a week of free early years care and education during school term time (38 weeks).

This equates to:

- 15 hours funding - 15 hours x 38 weeks = 570 hours per year
- 30 hours funding - 30 hours x 38 weeks = 1140 hours per year

Currently the following funding offers are available:

Working Families Funding

Eligible working families can receive up to 30 hours of free childcare per week, for 38 weeks each year. Funding starts from the term after your baby has reached nine months and provides up to 1,140 funded hours per year.

Universal Funding

All children aged 3 and 4 are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare per week, for 38 weeks each year. Funding starts from the term after your child's 3rd birthday and continues until they start school. This provides up to 570 funded hours per year.

Supported 2 years olds

Some 2-year-olds may receive 15 hours of free childcare each week, for 38 weeks each year. They may be eligible if parents receive certain benefits or if a child has Disability Living Allowance or an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan.

Is your child eligible for funding? You can check at: [Best start in life](#)

Stretched funding



Whilst we commonly refer to the funding as the '15 or 30 hours offer' the Government provides this funding during school time term only, so for 38 weeks each year. Since our setting operates all year round, with very limited school term time places available, we stretch the hours across 50 weeks. This means the full entitlement is received but weekly funded hours are lower than the stated 15 or 30 hours.

When a child is eligible for Government funded hours, we apply the free hours from the beginning of their first session each week and this process continues until the free hours have been used.

For example if a child is eligible for 30 hours (22h 48m stretched) and attends Monday to Thursday full days, we begin applying the free hours from 07:30 on Monday until they run out at 10:18 on Wednesday. We then start applying charges from 10:19.

We find this method supports families financial planning, as a consistent invoice is received each month, rather than higher costs in the months that contain school holidays. Please see the graphs for how the stretched hours are allocated.

Nursery Fees - Explained

Historically, our nursery fees have been priced to include the number of sessions attended, all meals received appropriate to those sessions and all the little extras we include to provide a high quality experience for children and their families, such as visitors to the nursery, trips out of the setting, enrichment activities, seasonal gifts, celebration days and our parent app, to name a few.

The standard session charge was a straightforward way for us to wrap up all of the items and easily show parents how much their childcare would cost. However, we now have to price our services differently with the introduction of funded hours. The Government funding is a welcome introduction and provides huge savings in childcare costs, particularly when using the free hours alongside the Tax-free childcare system. However, whilst the funding covers the actual hours of childcare, it is not intended to cover the cost of meals or any of the additional activities we provide.

We understand as a workplace nursery, the majority of families choose us due to their work commitments and will most likely require their child to attend for more than the free hours, so will choose our discounted plan 'Everything Covered'. However, for families looking for their child to solely attend for the free hours, our optional additional activities, hours and meals which can be purchased alongside the free hours, which are displayed on the next page.

Nursery Fees – Prices

Weekly Funded Hours – taken between 0730 – 1730

Funded Hours - Either 22.8 / 11.4 per week	£0.00
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Optional Extras

Breakfast	£2.75 per meal
Two-course Lunch	£6.00 per meal
Two-course Tea	£4.75 per meal
Activities charge per funded hour	£2.00 per hour

Optional Additional Hours per week

Hourly rate for the first 7 hours on top of funding	£18.79 per hour
Hourly rate for the next 10 hours on top of funding	£8.63 per hour
Hourly rate for the next 10 hours on top of funding	£7.05 per hour
Hourly rate for any remaining hours on top of funding	£4.49 per hour

When purchasing additional hours, the charges for meals and extras/ enrichments, shown above, are included within the additional hours rates

Everything Covered Plan

'Everything covered' is our most popular plan as it provides a comprehensive childcare solution to suit busy working families, who require three or more days of childcare each week.

The plan delivers good value by ensuring every child receives their full entitlement of the free hours and then brings together the remaining paid hours, meal charges and additional activity charges into a monthly discounted bundle.

The prices on the right are monthly, but the breakdowns on the following pages are shown hourly/weekly to demonstrate allocation of the free hours.

Please note: While our fees are displayed on an hourly basis for transparency, we do not sell childcare by the hour. Parents can only purchase full, half or school day sessions.

	No Funding	15 Hours Entitlement	30 Hours Entitlement
3 Days	£1257.50	£954.63	£555.25
3.5 Days	£1360.40	£1116.19	£753.00
4 Days	£1444.58	£1231.31	£913.50
4.5 Days	£1547.48	£1334.20	£1075.08
5 Days	£1631.67	£1418.39	£1205.12

When using Tax-free childcare, the prices above will be further reduced

Everything Covered – 30 funded hours

3 Days

Free Hours
22h 48m
£0.00

Paid Hours
7h 12m
£133.26

Meals
Breakfast x 3
Lunch x 2
Tea x 2
£29.25

Activities Charge
£45.60

Total **£208.11**

Everything Covered
Discount
£74.85

£133.26 x 50 weeks
/ 12 months =

£555.25
monthly

3.5 Days

Free Hours
22h 48m
£0.00

Paid Hours
12h 42m
£180.72

Meals
Breakfast x 3
Lunch x 2
Tea x 2
£29.25

Activities Charge
£45.60

Total **£255.57**

Everything Covered
Discount
£74.85

£180.72 x 50 weeks
/ 12 months =

£753.00
monthly

4 Days

Free Hours
22h 48m
£0.00

Paid Hours
17h 12m
£219.24

Meals
Breakfast x 3
Lunch x 2
Tea x 2
£29.25

Activities Charge
£45.60

Total **£294.09**

Everything Covered
Discount
£74.85

£219.24 x 50 weeks
/ 12 months =

£913.50
monthly

4.5 Days

Free Hours
22h 48m
£0.00

Paid Hours
22h 42m
£258.02

Meals
Breakfast x 3
Lunch x 2
Tea x 2
£29.25

Activities Charge
£45.60

Total **£332.87**

Everything Covered
Discount
£74.85

£258.02 x 50 weeks
/ 12 months =

£1075.08
monthly

5 Days

Free Hours
22h 48m
£0.00

Paid Hours
27h 12m
£289.23

Meals
Breakfast x 3
Lunch x 2
Tea x 2
£29.25

Activities Charge
£45.60

Total **£364.08**

Everything Covered
Discount
£74.85

£289.23 x 50 weeks
/ 12 months =

£1205.12
monthly

Everything Covered - 15 funded hours

3 Days

Free Hours
11h 24m
£0.00

Paid Hours
18h 36m
£229.11

Meals
Breakfast x 2
Lunch x 1
Tea x 1
£16.00

Activities Charge
£22.80

Total **£267.91**

Everything Covered
Discount
£38.80

3.5 Days

Free Hours
11h 24m
£0.00

Paid Hours
24h 6m
£267.89

Meals
Breakfast x 2
Lunch x 1
Tea x 1
£16.00

Activities Charge
£22.80

Total **£306.69**

Everything Covered
Discount
£38.80

4 Days

Free Hours
11h 24m
£0.00

Paid Hours
28h 36m
£295.51

Meals
Breakfast x 2
Lunch x 1
Tea x 1
£16.00

Activities Charge
£22.80

Total **£334.31**

Everything Covered
Discount
£38.80

4.5 Days

Free Hours
11h 24m
£0.00

Paid Hours
34h 6m
£320.21

Meals
Breakfast x 2
Lunch x 1
Tea x 1
£16.00

Activities Charge
£22.80

Total **£359.01**

Everything Covered
Discount
£38.80

5 Days

Free Hours
11h 24m
£0.00

Paid Hours
38h 36m
£340.41

Meals
Breakfast x 2
Lunch x 1
Tea x 1
£16.00

Activities Charge
£22.80

Total **£379.21**

Everything Covered
Discount
£38.80

£229.11 x 50 weeks
/ 12 months =

£954.63
monthly

£267.89 x 50 weeks
/ 12 months =

£1116.21
monthly

£295.51 x 50 weeks
/ 12 months =

£1231.29
monthly

£320.21 x 50 weeks
/ 12 months =

£1334.21
monthly

£340.41 x 50 weeks
/ 12 months =

£1418.38
monthly

Everything Covered – 0 funded hours

3 Days

Free Hours
0h 0m
£0.00

Paid Hours
30h 0m
£301.80

Meals
**Included in
monthly price**

Activities Charge
**Included in
monthly price**

Total **£301.80**

3.5 Days

Free Hours
0h 0m
£0.00

Paid Hours
35h 30m
£326.50

Meals
**Included in
monthly price**

Activities Charge
**Included in
monthly price**

Total **£326.50**

4 Days

Free Hours
0h 0m
£0.00

Paid Hours
40h 0m
£346.70

Meals
**Included in
monthly price**

Activities Charge
**Included in
monthly price**

Total **£346.70**

4.5 Days

Free Hours
0h 0m
£0.00

Paid Hours
45h 30m
£371.40

Meals
**Included in
monthly price**

Activities Charge
**Included in
monthly price**

Total **£371.40**

5 Days

Free Hours
0h 0m
£0.00

Paid Hours
50h 0m
£391.60

Meals
**Included in
monthly price**

Activities Charge
**Included in
monthly price**

Total **£391.60**

£301.80 x 50 weeks
/ 12 months =

**£1257.50
monthly**

£326.50 x 50 weeks
/ 12 months =

**£1360.42
monthly**

£346.70 x 50 weeks
/ 12 months =

**£1444.58
monthly**

£371.40 x 50 weeks
/ 12 months =

**£1547.50
monthly**

£391.60 x 50 weeks
/ 12 months =

**£1631.66
monthly**