



Nuffy Bear Day Nursery- Fee's and Funding Policy

Early Years Funding is a nationwide initiative managed by local authorities. It provides families with a set number of funded childcare hours with an Ofsted-registered provider. The number of hours available depends on a child's age and the family's circumstances (for example, working parent status or household income).

In England, eligible children have access to 30 hours per week in term time or 1140 hours per year for three and four-year-olds of working parents.

Nuffy Bear Nurseries offers the following funded childcare entitlements:

Working Parents (9 Months-School Age)	2-Year-Old (Families receiving eligible government support)	Universal Entitlement (3- and 4-Years Old)
• 30 Hours per week across 38 weeks. • Eligibility begins the term after the child turns 9 months. • Funding can be shared with up to two providers per day.	• 15 Hours per week, term time only. • Eligibility begins the term after the child turns 2.	• 15 Hours per week, term time only. • Can be combined with working parents entitlement to reach 30 hours.

Parents can find more information using the links below about funding eligibility.

[Free Childcare for Working Parents: Check if you're eligible - GOV.UK](#)

[Best Start in Life - Best Start in Life](#)

Birthday Period	Funding Starts
1 st January- 31 st March	1 st April
1 st April- 31 st August	1 st September
1 st September- 31 st December	1 st January

At Nuffy Bear Nurseries, we apply all government-funded childcare on a **term-time basis across 38 weeks** of the year. Children receive their funded hours during these 38 funded weeks, and standard nursery fees apply during the remaining **13 non-funded weeks**. The term dates are set in line with Local Authority dates and may vary borough to borough.

Term time places are subject to all year-round demand. Children attend on a full-year basis **unless** they are accessing **working parents funding, 2-year-old funding** or **universal 3-4-year-old entitlement** only. In these cases, families may choose to attend for funded hours alone.

Nuffy Bear Nurseries are open 51 weeks of the year.

We close on the following days:

- Christmas to New Year closure period
- All UK Bank Holidays
- Christmas Eve at 1pm

This ensures families have consistent access to childcare throughout the year while maintaining a clear structure for how funded hours are delivered.

To secure a nursery placement, families must pay a non-refundable registration fee of £95.00 and a refundable deposit, once your child's enrolment at the nursery has terminated and provided that your



account is clear of any outstanding balance. We reserve the right to deduct any outstanding balance owed following termination from the deposit.

For those families who access 2-year-old funding, the universal 3–4-year-old entitlement or working parents funding, registration fees are not applicable, and deposits will be returned within the first term after the child starts.

Delivery of Funded Hours at Nuffy Bear Nurseries

Funded hours must comply with National and Local Authority guidance.

- ✓ **Funded hours** may be delivered between 08.00-18.00
- ✓ **No funded session** exceeds 10 hours per day
- ✓ Nursery operating hours are **08.00-18.00**
- ✓ Parents are **not required** to access their full entitlement
- ✓ Funding may be **split between a maximum of two providers per day** (*Where parents choose to move providers mid-way through a term, they may not be able to move the funding with them*).
- ✓ **Funding cannot be used for ad-hoc sessions** outside contracted hours
- ✓ Permanent booking changes follow the nursery's **contractual notice periods**.

Funding and Fee's (What is included)

Government funded childcare supports the delivery of early education and care but does not cover additional services such as meals, additional hours, trips.

At Nuffy Bear Nurseries, we believe in complete transparency, so parents clearly understand how funding and nursery fees are applied.

All invoices provide a clear breakdown of:

- ✓ Private paid hours charged at the nursery's advertised daily or hourly rates
- ✓ Funded hours are shown at £0 cost
- ✓ Materials and Consumables charges, itemised as:
 - Full Day
 - AM Session
 - PM Session

The Materials and Consumables Fee is made up of two components:

- All-Inclusive Package-A fixed charge of £2.50 per day for full day, £2.00 for AM sessions and £1.50 for PM sessions. This contributes to our all-inclusive offering, which includes cultural and inclusive celebrations, holistic wellbeing activities, pre-school leavers' graduation, school-readiness preparation, STEAM learning opportunities, extra-curricular sessions such as music and movement, sunscreen provision, and a range of additional enhancements.
- Meals and Snacks- The remaining portion of the fee covers daily meals and snacks. This amount varies by nursery, as each setting determines its own food pricing structure.

Together, these two elements form the total Materials and Consumables Fee charged by each nursery.

For full details of your nursery package please contact your nursery manager.



Thinking of opting out?

You may choose to opt out of our all-inclusive package; however, we require one month's notice. Please note that you will be responsible for providing all meals and consumables, and your child may not be able to participate in additional activities we offer that fall outside the EYFS statutory framework.

All meals must be in line with our packed meals guidance.

Parent Declaration and Documentation

Parents must complete a Local Authority Parent Declaration Form each term confirming:

- ✓ Funded hours accessed
- ✓ Total hours booked
- ✓ Whether funding is shared with another provider
- ✓ Agreement to voluntary charges where applicable

Parents may be required to provide:

- ✓ The child's birth certificate or passport
- ✓ HMRC eligibility code (where applicable)
- ✓ Parent details including name, date of birth and National Insurance number
- ✓ Local Authority confirmation for 2-year funding where applicable.

Funding cannot be claimed without completed documentation.

If a parent does not renew their eligibility code, they may lose their funding and be responsible for paying that terms fees at the standard Nursery rates advertised.

Due to high demand the nursery operates an Allocation Policy, speak contact the nursery management team for more information.



**Full Terms and Conditions are applied, please discuss with a member of the Nursery Management Team for more information. Prices are reviewed annually and subject to change. Government Funding Sessions are subject to availability.*