

The Winterton Federation Nursery Charging Policy



At *The Winterton Federation* we aim to keep our fees affordable and competitive and at such a level that we can provide childcare of the highest quality. As a school nursery, we are in receipt of early years education funding (EYE) for eligible three and four year olds. When extra hours are required in excess of funded hours, then fees are payable to Winterton Church of England Infants' School. Fees are currently £13.50 per half day session, £27 for a full day, and are reviewed annually to ensure that we continue to meet our affordable, competitive and high quality objectives.

FREE Funded places

Children are entitled to a FREE Government funded place for 15 hours per week from the term after their third birthday.

From September 2017 the Government have provided free 30 hour placements for families where both parents work and earn a minimum amount (criteria applies). To access this funding, you need to apply **before each term starts** and you need to obtain a tax code from HMRC. Please enquire with the school office if you wish to access the 30 hour free entitlement. If your child stays across lunchtime you will need to provide a packed lunch or purchase a hot meal. If your child joins Nursery and you have not received a code in advance or have registered elsewhere, the normal charges will apply until funding can be accessed for the following term.

Nursery Session Times

Beginning of the week Nursery

Monday and Tuesday - 9am until 3.20pm Wednesday am – 9am until 12pm

End of the week Nursery

Wednesday pm 12.30pm until 3.20pm Thursday and Friday 9am until 3.20pm

Full-time Nursery (children with 30 hour funding)

Monday to Friday 9am until 3.20pm

The entitlement is offered free (15 hours and 30 hours where applicable). Government funding does not cover the cost of meals, consumables, additional hours or services. Parents will not be charged a 'top-up' fee to recoup the difference between the amount received from the Local Authority (Government) and the current hourly rate.

The free entitlements will be delivered consistently so that all pupils accessing any of the free entitlements will receive the same quality and access to provision, regardless of whether they opt to pay for optional hours, services, meals or consumables.

Payment Methods

Invoices will be issued monthly in advance. Payment to be made through your child's Parent Pay Account.

Absences

If your child is absent from school for any reason then chargeable hours still apply. Applications for temporary variations in hours will not be accepted. Please note that your child's nursery place may be withdrawn if he/she is absent for prolonged periods.

Termination

Parents are required to sign an agreement for the full academic year or part thereof if admitted in January. Termination of chargeable hours may be made with one half term's notice. Payment equivalent to one half term's charges will be required for immediate cancellation of provision.



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Late payments

Payment of invoices should be made within fourteen days of issue. Payment after this date may be liable to additional collection charges as stipulated in the contract. Continued non-payment will result in the withdrawal of the additional chargeable sessions. This will not affect your child's entitlement to flexible free provision.

Review

The terms of this policy will be reviewed on a three yearly basis.

Nursery Charging Policy reviewed by: Cathy Logan Summer 2022

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