

Funding Policy

At Sunnydale Nursery, we are pleased to offer Government-funded early education and childcare hours to eligible families.

The 15-hour Government funding available to eligible families can be accessed during term time only.

We offer both term-time and all-year-round places for babies and children aged 2, 3 and 4 years. All places are subject to availability. Please speak to the Managing Director or Admin to discuss current availability.

Government funding can be used across our available sessions and covers a maximum of 15 or 30 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year, or a maximum of 570 or 1,140 hours per financial year, depending on eligibility. Where applicable, funding can be stretched across the year. When stretched over 51 weeks, this equates to approximately 11.18 hours per week for 15-hour funding or 22.35 hours per week for 30-hour funding. There may be optional charges associated with accessing funded hours; further information can be found in our fees section.

To provide greater flexibility for families, our funded sessions cover the core hours of 8:00am–3:00pm. Any hours attended outside of these core hours will be charged at £13 per hour.

Please note that Government funding covers education only

Meals

At Sunnydale Nursery, we offer a daily meal package for children accessing funded sessions. Families may choose to use our meal service or provide their own meals and snacks in accordance with our Lunchbox Policy.

The Full-Day Meal Package is £12 per day and includes breakfast, snacks, lunch and tea.

The Half-Day Meal Package is £6 per day and includes breakfast, snacks and lunch, or snacks and tea, depending on the session attended.

Forest School, Outings and Experiences

Forest School sessions, outings and experiences are optional, allowing families the flexibility to choose whether their child participates.

Forest School sessions are available every day of the week, enabling all children to have the opportunity to access these sessions.

As with all additional services, participation is entirely optional. If you wish to opt out of any additional services, please contact us by email at sunnydalenursery@hotmail.com.

The cost of a Forest School session is £10.63.

The cost of outings and experiences is £5.31.



Notice Periods

We require four weeks' written notice to terminate your child's place at Sunnydale Nursery or to make any changes to their regular attendance pattern.

All requests to terminate a place or make changes to attendance arrangements must be submitted in writing.

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