

Gosforth Nursery



CHARGING POLICY

September 25-26

GOSFORTH NURSERY CHARGING POLICY

Gosforth Nursery operates 51 weeks a year. To provide consistent and transparent billing, government-funded hours are "stretched" across the whole year rather than just term-time. All meals and snacks are included in fees, we do not allow packed lunches or snacks to be brought in due to allergies.

Once contracts are signed fees must be paid in advance of the child starting at the nursery, any registration fee for non-funded places will be reimbursed from fees after your child attending their first month. We have a one calendar month termination of contract policy, this needs to be completed in writing.

All days are chargeable including the child's own holidays, inset days and bank holidays, except when the nursery is closed for the Christmas holidays (the bank holidays are not charged during this period).

1. UNDERSTANDING YOUR FUNDING

Depending on your eligibility, your weekly "stretched" hours are used as follows:

Government Entitlement	Stretched hours (51 weeks)
30 hours entitlement	22.4 hours per week
15 hours entitlement	11 hours per week

* Term Time Option: For children aged 3+, the nursery also accepts 15 hours of funding for 38 weeks (term time only). These sessions must be taken between 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM, 3 days per week.

**Non-term time option – stretched 15 hours (11 hours): will receive a 9 hour discount in August fees for the 8.976 hours of funding not received across the 12 months in the stretched funding calculation over 51 weeks, thus providing 9 hours of funding.

2. STANDARD NURSERY (UNDER 2s to 3+)

If you are paying out-of-pocket or for hours beyond your funding, the rates are:

Unit	Cost
Full day (08:00-18:00)	£69
Half day (08:00-12:30 or 13:00-18:00)	£47

Full day sessions booked per week	Weekly fee (running total based on number of sessions)	Monthly fee (running total based on number of sessions)*
1	69	276
2	138	552
3	207	828
4	276	1104
5	345	1308

*based on a 20 day month (some months are more than 20 days and December is less than 20 days)

3. NURSERY FUNDED SESSION EXAMPLES

Because a full nursery day is 10 hours, funding covers a portion of your stay, and any remaining time is charged at a daily rate.

SCENARIO A: 30 HOURS FUNDING (22.4 STRETCHED HOURS)

* 3 Full Days: Days 1 and 2 are fully funded. Day 3 has 2.4 hours (£16.56) of funding applied to the full day cost

Total 3 day cost: £52.44

Total monthly cost: £209.76 – based on a 4 week month

* 5 Full Days: Days 1 and 2 are fully funded. Day 3 costs £52.44. Days 4 and 5 are charged at the full £69 rate.

Total 5 day cost: £190.44

Total monthly cost: £761.76– based on a 4 week month

FULL DAY FUNDING CHARGES (22.4 HOURS)

Full day funded - 10 hours (08:00 – 18:00)	Running total (22.4 hours funded)	Monthly (based on 20 days – 4 week month)
1	No charge	No charge
2	No charge	No charge
3	£52.44 (2.4 hours applied)	£209.76
4	£121.44	£485.76
5	£190.44	£761.76

HALF DAY FUNDED CHARGES (22.4 HOURS)

½ day funded morning (08:00 – 12:30) session – 4.5 hours	Running total (22.4 hours funded)	Monthly (based on 20 days – 4 week month)
1	No charge	No charge
2	No charge	No charge
3	No charge	No charge
4	No charge	No charge
5	No charge	No charge

½ day funded afternoon (13:00 – 18:00) session – 5 hours	Running total (22.4 hours funded)	Monthly (based on 20 days – 4 week month)
1	No charge	No charge
2	No charge	No charge
3	No charge	No charge
4	No charge	No charge
5	£24.44 (2.4 hours applied)	£97.76

SCENARIO B: 15 HOURS FUNDING (11.0 STRETCHED HOURS)

3 Full Days: Day 1 is fully funded (leaving 1 hour of funding). Day 2 has 1 hour (£6.90) of funding applied. Day 3 is full price.

Total 3 day cost: £131.10

Total monthly cost: £524.40 – based on a 4 week month

* 5 Full Days: Day 1 is fully funded (leaving 1 hour). Day 2 has 1 hour (£6.90) applied. Days 3, 4, and 5 are full price.

Total Weekly Cost: £269.10

Total monthly cost: £1076.40 – based on a 4 week month

FULL DAY FUNDING CHARGES (11 HOURS)

Full day funded - 10 hours (08:00 – 18:00)	Running total (11 hours funded)	Monthly (based on 20 days – 4 week month)
1	No charge	No charge
2	£62.10 (1 hour applied)	£248.40
3	£131.10	£524.40
4	£200.10	£800.40
5	£269.10	£1076.40

HALF DAY FUNDING CHARGES (11 HOURS)

½ day funded morning (08:00 – 12:30) session – 4.5 hours	Running total (11 hours funded)	Monthly (based on 20 days – 4 week month)
1	No charge	No charge
2	No charge	No charge
3	£26.11 (2 hours applied)	£104.44
4	£73.11	£292.44
5	£120.11	£480.44

½ day funded afternoon (13:00 – 18:00) session – 5 hours	Running total (11 hours funded)	Monthly (based on 20 days – 4 week month)
1	No charge	No charge
2	No charge	No charge
3	£37.60 (1 hour applied)	£150.40
4	£84.60	£338.40
5	£131.60	£526.40

SCENARIO B: 15 HOURS FUNDING – TERM TIME – 3+ ONLY

*9:30 – 14:30: Choose 3 daily sessions at no cost.

If a child needs to attend the hours before or after the session the cost is £34.50 and the child can attend all hours between 08:00 – 18:00. If there is a late pick up for the child after 14:30 the full £34.50 will be charged.

4. ADDITIONAL CHARGES & POLICIES

Consumables: The nursery does not charge extra for wipes, nappies, nappy bags, nappy cream, sun cream (summer months), or milk. Parents need to supply these in a daily bag to ensure the best value. There are no charges for resources.

Food: We do not charge for food or snacks. Breakfast: 08:00-08:45, Snack: 10:00, Lunch: 11:30, Snack 2:15, Light tea: 3:30.

Consumables not provided fee: A daily charge of £5 if a consumable is not provided in the child's bag

Registration Fee: If you book a non-funded day, there is a £50 registration fee (refundable on your second month's invoice). Purely funded hours cannot be charged a registration fee.

Late pick up fees: A charge of £20 for every 15 minutes applies after the 6pm closing time. These will be invoiced and payment required within 24 hours. If the child is 9:30 – 14:30 term time then the late pick up charge will be £34.50.

Trips: The nursery tries not to charge for trips, though a small fee may occasionally be requested.

Late payment fee: a £20 charge for late payment of fees. Fees will be invoiced and paid in advance (for the following month's sessions) by 30th/31st of the month.