# **Bridges Nursery and Out of School Club**

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## **Fees Policy**

At Bridges Nursery and Out of School Club, it is our aim to provide a high quality, flexible childcare service that meets the needs of families. This policy outlines our current fees and payment arrangements.

All Government Funded Childcare for children aged 9 month to 5 years and payments through Tax-Free Childcare are accepted.

## For Government Funded Childcare:

Working Parents eligible for 30 hours must apply via <u>Best Start in Life</u> before the deadline for the term their child reaches the eligible age and must revalidate the code every 3 months.

All 3- and 4-year-old children receive 15 hours Government Funded Childcare no matter of their families' circumstances

Some 2-year-olds whose families who are in receipt of additional support may also be entitled to 15 hours but would need eligibility to confirmed by a member of the team.

## **Tax Free Childcare:**

Working Parents can apply for Tax Free Childcare through the following link <u>Tax-Free</u> Childcare: What Tax-Free Childcare is - GOV.UK

# **The Opening Hours:**

We operate from Monday to Friday 7:30am to 6:00pm for 51 weeks of the year. We close for approximately 1 week over the Christmas period and we are also closed all bank holidays as detailed in the Nursery contract.

#### Our fee structure:

See on next page.

	0-2 Year Olds	2-3 Year Olds	3-4 Year Olds
Full time 7:30-6pm Meals included	£273.60	£256.70	£249.50
Full Day 7:30-6pm Meals included	£67.30	£62.85	£60.95
Half Day Session 7:30-1pm or 1pm-6pm Meals included	£39.30	£37.40	£33.30
Extra hour	£10.65	£10.15	£9.75

Holiday Club 4 yrs +	Our fees
Full Day 7:30-6pm Meals included	£37.50
Half-Day Session 7:30 – 1pm or 1pm – 6pm Meals included	£18.75
Out of School Club	Our fees
Before School – Inc. breakfast and drop off	£15.45
After School – Inc. pick up and snack	£16.45

A registration fee of £25.00 (refundable within a reasonable time following the commencement of attendance) and deposit (equivalent to one week's fees – refundable at the end of contract) will be required alongside a signed contract which outlines all terms and conditions above before commencement of childcare.

Once fees have been calculated over 12 months, there will be no deductions for absence, sickness or holidays.

All charges are inclusive of meals, snacks, drinks and all planned activities throughout the day including resources used **FOR ALL**.

# **Additional Charges:**

However, occasionally there may be an additional cost for certain trips. These are not mandatory and parents have the choice to opt in or out.

Extra hours requested will be charged at the session appropriate for the age of the child.

There is a late payment charge of  $\mathfrak{L}15.00$  for 15 minutes for persistent late pick up. (This is discretionary.)

#### Incidentals:

Baby Formula if required must be provided by the parent/guardian.

Nappies, nappy cream and wipes must be provided by the parent/guardian.

Parent/guardian can provide their own food and snacks if they wish, being cautious of allergies. However, this does not reduce the daily rate.

# **Payment information:**

Fees are payable in advance on the 1st of every month for the month ahead.

When a child starts, the total annual fee will be calculated based on attendance. An agreed start date will be dictated by the completion of registration. Failure to start after the contract is signed with place reserved will result in one month's notice fee being due immediately.

This total will then be divided equally across twelve months so that the payment amount remains the same each month.

We will also accept weekly payments and one-off emergency childcare payments. (Credit card, Vouchers and other forms of legal tender accepted.)

Failure to pay fees on time may result in child's place being suspended until fees are paid in full.

A receipt will be provided upon request.

## **Notice Period:**

We require <u>one month's written notice which must be given on the first day of the</u> <u>month only, before termination of the contract.</u> Fees are payable during the notice, whether the child attends or not.

Fees are reviewed annually in April in line with Government expectations i.e. the impact of budgets and the increase in minimum/living wage.

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