

Natalie Bernardova

OFSTED-registered childminder - 2874566

Fees Policy

I provide a caring home-from-home environment where children can learn, explore and have fun through a wide variety of experiences both at home and in the local community. I provide flexible childcare services to meet the individual needs of families. This policy outlines my current fees and payment arrangements.

All Government Funded Childcare for children ages 9 months to 5 years and Payments through Tax-Free Childcare are accepted.

For Government Funded Childcare: Working parents eligible for 30 hours must apply via <https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker> before the deadline for the term their child reaches the eligible age and must keep their code valid every 3 months.

All 3- & 4-year-olds receive 15 hours Government Funded Childcare no matter of their families' circumstances. Some 2-year-olds whose families receive additional support may also be entitled to 15 hours but would need eligibility confirmed by me.

Tax Free Childcare: Working parents can apply for Tax Free Childcare through the following link <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

Opening Hours between 8 am – 6 pm

Days and hours are offered based on the families' requirements, depending on availability. If all funding is used and additional hours are required, these will be charged at my non-funded rates detailed below.

Fees

Full day (8 hours): £44.00 per day

Hourly rate: £5.50 per hour

No deposit required

The charges do not include meals; parents are responsible for providing packed lunches, snacks, water bottles and baby formula.

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

Payment Information

Fees are payable in advance on the 1st of every month for the month ahead. Weekly payment schedule available upon request. When a child starts, the total annual fee will be calculated based on attendance from September to August. This total will then be divided equally across twelve months so that the payment amount remains the same each month. Payments can be made by Bank Transfer or through your Tax-Free Childcare Account by quoting Natalie Bernardova Ofsted registration number 2874566. A receipt will be provided for all payments upon request.

Additional Charges

No additional fees will be charged for outings or regular activities; this applies to fee payers as well as funded children. Extra hours beyond the agreed schedule will be charged at the hourly rate. A retention fee may be charged after 4 weeks of parents' planned holidays.

Holidays and Absences

Fees are payable for the child's absence, including sickness and unplanned holidays, as the childcare place is kept open for your child.

Where at least 2 weeks' notice is provided, the absence will be treated as a planned holiday, no childcare fees will be charged, and the child's contracted place and hours will remain reserved.

Parents may take up to 4 consecutive weeks of planned holiday without charge. If a child is absent due to a parent's holiday for more than 4 consecutive weeks, a retention fee may be charged to keep the child's contracted place and hours reserved. The retention fee will be 50% of the usual daily charge, currently £22 per day, based on the regular daily charge of £44. This fee applies only to the additional period beyond the first 4 weeks of the parent's holiday.

Where childcare is funded, the provider reserves the right to retain the child's agreed contracted funded hours and not transfer or add missed funded hours to later days, sessions or periods of the year.

The childminder (Natalie) may take up to 8 weeks of annual leave per year. Parents will be given at least 2 weeks' notice of planned holidays. No childcare fees will be charged for days when the provider is unavailable due to her own annual leave.

The provider is not responsible for arranging alternative childcare for the child's regular contracted hours during her annual leave.

Notice Period

A two-week written notice period is required to end the childcare agreement by either party. Fees are payable during the notice period, whether or not the child attends.

Review of Fees

Fees are reviewed termly, and parents will receive at least two weeks' notice of any changes.