

Fees & Early Years Entitlements (Funding)

Fees
Universal Entitlement
Working Parent Entitlements
Disadvantaged 2-year-old Entitlement

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Children's House
Nursery and Pre-school
We provide the building blocks for your child's future

The only family run
independent nursery in Southwell



Fee Schedule April 2025

For parents not accessing any funding or for parents booking additional sessions not covered by funding, the following fees will apply:

Nursery Fees

Morning Session	7.30am-12.30pm	£43.65
Afternoon Session	1pm-6pm	£43.65
Short Day	9.00am-3pm	£56.65
Full Day	7.30am-6pm	£73.95
Full Time (5 x Full Day with 10% discount)	7.30am-6pm	£332.75

Extras

Late collection (per 15 min intervals, per child)	£20.00
Additional Hours (per hour)	£9.20

Before and After School Club / Holiday Club

Breakfast Club	£13.00
After School Club	£16.60
Holiday Club Full Day	£48.45
Holiday Club Morning/Afternoon	£27.30
Holiday Club Short Day	£40.30

Early Years Entitlements (Funding)

Children's House tries to be as flexible as we can to fit in with parents' needs. However, we legally must adhere to Government and Local Authority legislation which can sometimes make us appear inflexible.

Funding is complicated. If you are unsure about anything, please contact the office and we will try our best to explain or accommodate your requests.

Funding types and ages they become available

Age of child and funding type available	Eligibility Code	
9-month-old of working parents Working Parent Entitlement	Apply via Childcare Choices website Code required	30 Hours
2-year-olds of working parents Working Parent Entitlement or Disadvantaged 2-year-old	Apply via Childcare Choices website Code required	30 Hours
All 3- and 4-year-olds Universal Entitlement	No application required No code required	15 Hours
3-and 4-year-olds of working parents Working Parent Entitlement	Apply via Childcare Choices website Code required	30 Hours

When is your child eligible to receive funding and when to apply for your code (if required)?

Child reaches relevant age between these dates.	When can working families get the entitlement from?	Recommended time to apply for code	Final deadline to apply
1st September to 31st December	Term starting on or after 1st January (Spring)	The term before 1st January	31st December
1st January to 31st March	Term starting on or after 1st April (Summer)	The term before 1st April	31st March
1st April to 31st August	Term starting on or after 1st September (Autumn)	The term before 1st September	31st August

We suggest you take a look at the Childcare Choices website for more information and to apply for your 10 digit funding code

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

It is always worth applying for a code as sometimes parents qualify for the 30 hours when they believed they wouldn't.

Eligibility codes are valid for a set period, **it is your responsibility to renew the code**. If a code expires it enters into a 'grace period'. If you don't renew your code online before the end of this grace period your code becomes invalid and your entitlement will stop. **Children's House Nursery is NOT responsible**, if your eligibility code expires and we are unable to obtain funding on your behalf from the local authority. In such cases, **full fees will be payable**.

How many hours do I get?

Funding is provided by the government for 38 weeks of the year (term time) and not for 52 weeks. The funding year runs from 1st April to 31st March.

For 15 funded hours this equates to 570 hours of funding to use each year.

For 30 funded hours this equates to 1140 hours of funding to use each year.

The aim of funding is two-fold:

- To give all children an equal start, build confidence and independence and prepare them for school.
- For families – to reduce childcare costs, to support parents in increasing the number of hours they work and/or encourage them into employment.

Parents can divide their funded childcare across multiple providers, with a limit of two settings per day. Providers can only refuse this if they have a legitimate business case for why they cannot allow the split hours.

For children aged 9 months to 3 years who are accessing Working Parent Entitlement

- We do not offer term time places for children until the term after they turn 3.
- 30 hours stretched across 52 weeks which equates to 22 funded hours per week for 52 weeks.

For children accessing 3- and 4-year-old Universal Funding

- 15 hours per week over 38 weeks (term time)
- 15 hours stretched across 52 weeks, which equates to 11 funded hours for 52 weeks.

For children 3 Years and Over accessing Working Parent Entitlement

- 30 hours stretched over 52 weeks, which equates to 22 funded hours per week for 52 weeks.
- 30 hours per week over 38 weeks (Term Time)

OPTIONS TO CHOOSE FROM WHEN ACCESSING FUNDING

Working Parent Entitlement and Universal Funding (funding) is to provide the BASIC delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage, it is intended to cover the delivery of childcare only. Basic delivery **does not include meals, snacks, additional services, special events, enhanced learning opportunities and resources and additional hours.**

At Children's House, we believe that although basic delivery of the EYFS is sufficient, it is not the type of early years provision that we have ever delivered or would want to deliver.

Children's House aims to go above and beyond with our childcare offer, as we want to maximise the opportunities and experiences during your child's important formative years. Children's House is passionate about providing children with the care and experiences that exceed expectations, to offer superior childcare

At Children's House, we are proud to provide children with experiences that not only meet but surpass the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requirements. Our goal is to create cherished memories and equip children with skills that will serve them throughout their lives.

We've recently adopted an Emotion Training package to help children recognise and understand their emotions. This allows us to offer thoughtful support as they navigate behaviours, using new and compassionate techniques.

Our team consists of a high ratio of qualified staff, which exceeds the standard requirements. This ensures a level of care and attention that enhances every child's development. One example is Helen, our dedicated nursery teacher, whose role, while not mandatory to deliver the basic EYFS, adds immense value to our setting. Helen's expertise and commitment enrich our learning environment and provide children with additional opportunities to thrive.

In terms of language development, our language lead, Emily, dedicates time outside of staffing ratios to support children and staff. Ellie, our additional language lead in training, will soon join Emily to further this impactful work. We have also invested in two excellent programs, *Wellcom* and *Growing Talk*, to elevate children's communication skills.

Our nursery also incorporates baby signing, empowering children with early non-verbal communication tools. To support collaboration with families, we send out monthly parent communication emails, ensuring that every child's development is nurtured holistically and compassionately.

As a team, we strive to provide children with a solid foundation in emotional well-being, communication and education, always going the extra mile to meet their unique needs..

However, as we move forward, we must acknowledge the challenges of maintaining our high standards. Our enhanced provision, including specialised training, additional staff ratios, and tailored programs like *Wellcom* and *Growing Talk*, comes with a significant investment in resources and dedication.

Childcare settings must request that parents OPT IN or OPT OUT of;

- A. Enhanced provision**
- B. Consumables**
- C. Meals**

Parents can choose additional hours as per the costs detailed in our funded sessions (**see page 14**) or pay full nursery rates for additional sessions not covered by funding (**see page 1**)

Unfortunately, should parents decide to opt out of enhanced provision/meals/consumables, we will be unable to sustain the superior quality of childcare that defines our nursery.

We deeply value your support and commitment to the enhanced provision, consumables and meals as it allows us to continue nurturing every child's growth, development, and emotional well-being.

Together, we can ensure the best possible start for your little ones.

OPTING IN

Enhanced Provision

(these are included in All Nursery fees but a separate additional charge for funded sessions)

Forest School sessions

Forest School sessions are an outdoor educational experience guided by our fully qualified Forest School Leaders Anna & Katy designed to help children connect with nature, learn new skills, and develop self-confidence through hands-on activities.

Typical activities might include building shelters, identifying plants and wildlife, crafting natural materials and tools, climbing trees, storytelling, or lighting campfires safely. The approach is child-centered, encouraging children to take risks, solve problems, and work collaboratively while fostering a deeper appreciation for the outdoor environment. It's all about experimental learning, celebrating individual growth over time and fostering health and wellbeing.

We provide waterproof coats and trousers for each child so we can go outside in any weather.

French Lessons

Alison leads our French lessons for the Foundation room, term time only.

French lessons for children are valuable for several reasons:

1. **Cognitive development:** It improves memory, problem-solving, and multitasking abilities. Making it easier for them to master new languages.
2. **Cultural awareness:** French lessons expose children to French culture, history, and traditions. Broadening their view of the world, and teaching them to embrace different perspectives.
3. **Improved communication skills:** Learning French enhances children's overall language skills, including their proficiency in their native language. It improves grammar, vocabulary, and articulation.
4. **Personal enrichment:** Being able to speak French can boost a child's confidence and provide them with a sense of accomplishment. It can also make travel experiences more enjoyable and meaningful.

Boogie Beats Session

Boogie Beats sessions are for the Tweenies and Rising rooms, term time only.

These unique sessions combine traditional fairy tales and nursery rhymes with energetic dance routines, interactive props, and plenty of fun! Each class is packed with music, creativity, and excitement.

Building confidence, improving coordination, and enhancing social skills, all while encouraging self-expression in a fun, welcoming environment.

Plus, Giggles the Boogie Beat monkey joins every class for extra fun as he watches and dances with the children!



Dancing Digits sessions

Dancing Digits sessions are held for the Rising and Pre-school children, term time only.

Dancing Digits is an award-winning dance class sparking a love for movement while boosting early numeracy and spatial skills, recommended by education experts. Their mission is to find ways to bring maths to life and make it fun for children!



Superstar sports sessions

Superstar sports sessions are all about fun and energy, children get to run, play and learn new skills, keeping children active, healthy and smiling.

Weekly sports sessions are fully planned and offer structured sporting curriculum from mini football to gymnastics, giving children the opportunity to try different activities across the year.



Special Events & Celebrations

Activities such as Mother's Day afternoon tea, Father's Day activities, Holi Festival paint throwing, Easter Bonnet Parade, Bramley Apple Prince and Princess crowning. Christmas shows and Graduation Ceremony are part of our unique offerings (this list is just a sample of our special events!).

In the enhanced offer, parents are invited to attend most of our special events.

Trips and outings

Trips and outings offer children delightful opportunities to connect with their surroundings and make meaningful memories.

Adventures range from scenic walks and picnics along the picturesque Southwell trail, to the local park, swan sanctuary and inspiring library visits that ignite a love for reading.

Adding a touch of heartwarming community spirit, children also take pride in delivering kindness parcels and gifts which spread joy and build bonds within the local area.

These experiences combine exploration, learning, and compassion, creating truly enriching moments!

To be able to undertake these activities we must follow a higher staff ratio along with qualified first aiders. We also need double pushchairs for our younger children.

Full access to the Ovivo APP

The Ovivo APP provides a wide range of benefits for parents and ultimately their children.

Ovivo Allows you to Stay Connected with your Child's Activities

With the Ovivo App, you can get real-time updates on your child's activities at nursery/pre-school, including nappy changes, meals, naps, and developmental moments.

You can also view photos and videos of your child's day, helping you feel connected to your child even when you're not there.

It helps you celebrate your child's achievements & share developmental milestones

Ovivo allows you to see and celebrate your child's achievements, developmental progress and milestones, including new skills they've learned, special projects they've completed, and social interactions they've had with their peers. The app also allows you to take photos and feed back to the nursery about progress achieved at home. This is a great way to keep them up to date too, while your child is away from their care.

Parents feel connected using Ovivo APP, you can rest assured that you're always up to date on your child's activities and can quickly and easily get in touch with your childcare provider if needed. This provides unrivalled peace of mind for parents, particularly if they feel anxious about leaving their child in someone else's care.

Ovivo ensures you and the nursery are kept up to date

The app provides a profile for each child, where you can view and update their personal information, such as their name, date of birth, likes, dislikes and any allergies. The latter is a particularly crucial reference for the childcare provider when it's time to provide food or snacks.

The app also provides a profile for parents, allowing you to view and update your own information.

Invoices and family accounts can be viewed on the APP or downloaded, allowing complete transparency by keeping all parties informed about payments, due dates, and account statuses, the Ovivo gives a clear picture of financial commitments allowing us to share updates on invoices and account activity with you.

OPTING IN

Consumables Charge

these are included in Nursery fees but a separate additional charge for funded sessions)

Consumables include;

- Suncream
- Nappies and pull ups
- Wipes for nappy changes
- Flannels for hand and face cleaning (including laundry)
- Formula Milk
- Water bottles
- Child's birthday and Christmas gifts
- Bedding and laundry
- Nursery Calpol and Piriton (given as per our medication policy)

If you choose to opt in for consumables, or you are attending a full fee session you can rest assured we have all the consumable requirements covered. You no longer need to bring in the above items, helping you to concentrate on more important things like valuable family time.

OPTING IN

Meals and snacks

these are included in Nursery fees but a separate additional charge for funded session

Children's House has an in-house cook, who plans nutritiously balanced delicious meals using government guidance 'Nutrition Guidance for early years providers'.

Meals are tailored around allergies and intolerances and always feature quality ingredients. Twice weekly food deliveries ensure fresh fruit and vegetables, Meatless meals are served regularly as part of our net zero/sustainability project.

We have a Summer and Winter menu, with a three-week rotational menu ensuring variety and seasonal foods are prioritised.

We offer:

- Breakfast – served until **9am**
- Mid-morning snack **10am**
- Two course lunch **11.30–12.00 pm**
- Mid afternoon snack **2pm**
- Afternoon High Tea **4pm**

Please see sample menu included in parent pack.

OPTING OUT

OPTING OUT of Enhanced provision and receive Basic childcare package

- **Events / special celebrations** – due to additional costs / staffing and resources going beyond our basic offer, these would NOT be included. **Unfortunately, parents will not be invited** to attend special events.
- **Forest school sessions, French Lessons, Boogie beats, Dancing digits & Sports Sessions** – due to additional costs incurred in delivering these sessions that go above and beyond basic EYFS requirements these sessions **cannot be accessed** on the basic childcare package your child will be offered an alternative learning experience.
- **Limited access to the Ovivo App** – you will receive nursery news only, **no photos, daily updates, invoicing, parent communication or updates.**
- **Paper invoices** – as you will not have full access to the Ovivo APP all invoices will be in the form of a paper copy
- **Daily books/ formative reports** – as you will not have full access to the Ovivo APP, we will provide a daily diary for children up to 2 years of age. Formative Reports, 2-year-old checks and transition to school documents will be completed as part of the EYFS requirements. These will all be on paper format.
- **Trips and outings** – unfortunately, due to higher ratio requirements, children on the basic package will not be able to participate and outings. An alternative learning experience will be offered.

(Please see sample menu)

OPTING OUT of Nursery Meals

- Nursery Milk is included, formulae milk is not included
- Meals and snacks are not included
- Please provide meals and snacks appropriate for the length of your child's session ensuring you adhering to per our Packed Meals Policy
- Breakfast
- Two fruit snacks
- Two course lunch
- Afternoon tea
- Provide water bottles labelled with child's name

OPTING OUT of Consumables

These items **must be provided**:

- Bedding – a fitted cot sheet and blanket needs to be provided for each session, please place it in your child's bag each day if your child still naps at nursery
- Nappies and pull ups
- Wipes
- Face cleaning wipes
- Infant formula milk
- Provide suncream 50+
- Water bottle
- Child's birthday present and balloon
- Child's Christmas book (wrapped)
- Calpol & Piriton
- Toothbrush & cover (dry brushing miniture)

Fully funded Offer

Children's House has always operated a system whereby disadvantaged families suffering hardship can access childcare without charge.

We continue to offer this option to children accessing Early Years Pupil Premium, Looked After Children or for those parents in financial difficulties.

Should parents want a fully funded place and do not fit the above criteria, then fully funded sessions are offered and are generally, but not limited to a short day.

Children's House is mindful of the Meal, Consumables and Enhanced provision charges and will consider waiving these charges for families with financial difficulties, this will be at the discretion of the nursery and on a case by case basis.

Parents may request a fully funded place, these are subject to availability and are term time only (38 Weeks) and during the hours 8am to 3.30pm.

Families can OPT IN or OPT OUT of meals, Enhanced provision and consumables as described in the previous pages. The charges for these are;

	Session times	OPT IN to enhanced provision charge	OPT IN to consumables charge	OPT IN to meals charge	If OPTED IN to all three the total cost per session would be:
Fully funded session with 7.5 hours funding	8am - 3:30pm (7.5 funded hours)	£8.25	£3.25	No breakfast £3.75 for lunch and two snacks	£15.00

Please contact admin@chsouthwell.co.uk or call **01636 814738** to discuss this option.

Please also refer to the following documents

- Term time calendar
- Parent Declaration Form completed via Funding Loop online platform. You will be sent a link to access this prior to accessing funding.

Next steps for Accessing Funding

1. Apply for your funding code at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk
2. Contact the office at Children's House to confirm your preferred sessions and start date to admin@chsouthwell.co.uk
3. Once nursery confirms your sessions you will be emailed a link to access our Funding Loop Platform. Log into Funding Loop and complete the questions as specified. You will need to provide your funding code, the National Insurance number of the person who applied for the funding code and a photo of your child passport or birth certificate
- 4. You will also be required to complete and sign the Terms and Conditions of Early Years Funding at Children's House Southwell.**
5. You will be required to complete the Parent Opt-In/Out form.

Funded session options

	Session times	Funded hours	Opt in to Enhanced provision charge	Opt in to Consumables charge	Opt in to Meals Charge	Agree to overcosts of Additional hours not covered by funding	If opted into All Total cost is
Full day with 2 hours funding	7.30-6pm	2 funded hours 8am-10am	£1.75	£2.00	£1.75	8.5 hours £59.50	£65.00
Full day with 5 hours	7.30-6pm	5 funded hours 8am-1pm	£4.75	£2.50	£4.00	5.5 hours £38.50	£49.75
Full day with 5.5 funding	7.30-6pm	5.5 funded hours 8am-1.30pm	£5.50	£2.75	£4.00	5 hours £35.00	£47.25
Full day with 7.5 hours funding	7.30-6pm	7.5 funded hours 8am -3.30pm	£8.25	£3.25	£4.75	3 hours £21.00	£37.25
Full day with 10 hours	7.30-6pm	10 funded hours 8am-6pm	£11.00	£4.00	£5.75	0.5 hours £3.50	£24.25
Short day with 5 hours funding	9-3pm	5 funded hours 9-2pm	£9.50	£5.00	£3.15	1 hours £14.00	£31.65

Funded sessions are spread across the days attending i.e.

A full-time place would be 4 x full days with 5 hours funding plus 1 full day with **2 hour funding = 22 hours funding per week**

A three-day place would do 2 x full day with 10 hours funding and one day with **2 hours funding= 22 hours funding**