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GOLDENSPARKS
DAY NURSERY & EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

GOLDENSPARKS NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

NURSERY FEES & FUNDING INFORMATION * SEPTEMBER 2025 – ALL YEAR ROUND (51 WEEKS)

At GoldenSparks we take pride in the high-quality early years' experience we provide to our children, which is reflected in GoldenSparks' popularity among the parents and community in the area. We operate an inclusion and equality policy and ensure that all children have equal access to childcare. Our concise and clear nursery fees plans are designed to provide consistent monthly invoices while allowing you the flexibility to utilise government funding in the way that best suits your family's needs.

Providing government funded places for eligible 2, 3 and 4 year-olds

All funded sessions are in line with the Government's Statutory Guidance and Local Authority requirements. Information on all the Early Years Funding eligibility criteria can be found here: http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

For families who prefer to access funded-only places, we offer limited availability for such arrangements, subject to space. Funding only covers the 38 weeks of term time, as we are open for 51 weeks a year we stretch the funding for those weeks. We offer funded places on a "stretched" basis only which means that you receive up to 11 or up to 22 funded hours per week, for 51 weeks per year, (depending on the age of your child and the type of funding you receive). Please note that all new enrolments are offered through our waiting list system.

Parent Declaration Form:

Regulation requires childcare providers to enter into a separate funding agreement with parents, called the Parent Declaration Form. Local authorities require parents to enter into a Parent Declaration Form covering the Early Years Funding. The local authority Parent Declaration form must be signed each term. If the local authority Parent Declaration Form is not signed and returned to us Early Years Funding cannot be claimed and the full fees (without the Early Years Funding applied) will be charged to you.

Required Documentation:

Regulation requires childcare providers to obtain documentation to evidence eligibility for the Early Years Funding as per below:

- **Supported Two-year old Funded Childcare:** Child's birth certificate or passport, confirmation of eligibility (e.g. local authority confirmation letter/email or code);
- **Universal Funded Childcare:** Child's birth certificate or passport; and
- **Working Families Funding:** Child's birth certificate or passport, Parent's full name, date of birth, eligibility Code issued by HMRC and date of issue, and national insurance number.

Eligibility codes must be applied for before the beginning of the qualifying term. Please refer to the table below to check when you may become eligible for funding, the best time to apply for a code and recommended timeframe to submit your code to us.

Date by which child must have reached 9 months old (For 9 months to 1 year)	Your child's birthday (for children aged 1 year to 5 years)	When they can get their hours from	Recommended time to apply for a code	When to submit your code to us
By 31 December	1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January	15 October to 15 November	By 18 November
By 31 March	1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	28 January to 28 February	By 3 March
By 31 August	1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	15 June to 15 July	By 18 July

Additional documentation may be needed depending on local authority requirements

Child absences: Local authority has its own policy on child absences during Funded Childcare. We must keep the local authorities informed of child absences and the local authority has the right to recover funding payments made during periods of absences. Parents are responsible for paying the nursery for any funding payments reclaimed by the local authority due to a child's absence.

Please find below the nursery fees from 1 September 2025 based on the number of days booked per week. For ease of understanding, the fees are presented as monthly, all-inclusive rates, based on the child's age and their eligibility for government funding.

	Days per week in nursery (MONTHLY FEES)			
Under 2 – No Funding	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
Full Days	**£719.95**	**£1,079.92**	**£1,439.89**	**£1,799.87**
Half Days				**£1,168.75**
Under 2 – With 30 Hours Funding	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
Full Days	**£0.00**	**£290.23**	**£669.75**	**£1,049.28**
2 Years – No Funding	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
Full Days	**£719.95**	**£1,079.92**	**£1,439.89**	**£1,799.87**
Half Days				**£1,168.75**
2 Years – With 30 Hours Funding	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
Full Days	**£0.00**	**£290.23**	**£669.75**	**£1,049.28**
3+ Years – 15 Hours Funding	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
Full Days	**£399**	**£778.53**	**£1,158.05**	**£1,537.58**
3+ Years – 30 Hours Funding	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
Full Days	**£128.25**	**£515.98**	**£873**	**£1,295.03**

Government Funding & Optional Additional Charges

Additional charges apply for funded children to cover items not included within statutory funding. These are optional and if you need guidance on support with fees, you may be able to get help with any extra costs through: Tax-Free Childcare, Universal Credit Childcare Element, Childcare Vouchers (if still applicable).
The consumables and extras charge allows us to provide your child with an environment, equipment, experiences and services which are above the normal requirements of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) or which are not covered by Early Years Funding for example meals and snacks, cookery, gardening, music & movement, languages lessons, sports classes, nappies, wipes, sun cream, various toiletries and sundries, access to our Famly App, special learning resources, trips and outings, special cultural events, nursery ceremonies and festivals. Please note that the consumables charge does not apply to paid hours.

Consumables; Extras charge per month (applies only to the funded hours)

Under 3 years old:
- Food: £0.00, Non-Food: £0.00, Activities and Additional Lessons: £0.00

Over 3 years old (15 Hours Funding): - Food: £37.19, Consumables: £11.54, Activities and Additional Lessons: £15.39

Over 3 years old (30 Hours Funding): - Food: £74.39, Consumables: £23.09, Activities and Additional Lessons: £30.78

These items are billed every month and listed in the invoice in three categories: Food, Consumables, and Enrichment Activities.

Fees

We want you to have a clear understanding of your fees when you join our nursery. The information below explains how our charges work and what is included.

Operation

Our nursery operates for 51 weeks of the year. We are open from 8AM to 6PM, Monday to Friday. We are closed around the Christmas/New Year period and on all Bank Holidays. Fees are charged for 51 weeks, including bank holidays and inset training days.

Exceptional, Inclusive Offering

Our fees include freshly prepared and nutritious meals and snacks, nappies, wipes, milk and refreshments throughout the day and additional activities.

Spreading the Cost

To support family budgeting, we calculate your annual fees and spread them evenly over 12 months.

Discounts

We value strong partnerships with our families and are pleased to offer a discount structure.

- Sibling discount: 5% off regular booked sessions (applied to the eldest child). The discount applies to 1 child per family and only applies to paid hours (not funded hours, consumables or lunches). The discount only applies to weeks when both / all siblings attend.

Payments

Fees are invoiced monthly and are due on or before the first working day of the month, or as stated on the invoice, with additional ad hoc sessions paid in advance.

Pre-payment Fee

For non-funded places, there is a £300 administration fee. There is 1 month's acceptance fee deposit that is returnable at the expiry of the contract.

Payment Methods

Payments can be made by standing order or bank transfer, or through childcare payment schemes. We work with some of the popular Workplace Benefits Schemes.

Holidays & Closure days

All bank holidays, closure days and training days are paid days, without exceptions.

Acceptance of a Place:

Once a place is accepted, it is confirmed for your child and necessary paperwork must be completed promptly. Full notice is required if you wish to withdraw after acceptance.

Changes to a Booking Plan:

A 6 week notice period is required for reducing hours or withdrawing. Changes take effect only at the beginning or end of a calendar month. Requests to increase hours will be fulfilled subject to availability.

Late Collection Charge:

A late collection charge of £10 is applied for every 10 minutes after your scheduled pick-up time. This charge will be added to your invoice.

Funding

Is your child between 9 months and 3 years?
Eligible working families may be able to access up to 30 hours (22 hours stretched) of funded childcare per week, starting from the term after your child turns 9 months.

Is your child 3 years or older?
All families are entitled to 15 hours (11 hours stretched) of funded childcare per week from the term following their child's 3rd birthday. Some working families may be eligible for up to 30 funded hours (22 hours stretched).

APPLYING FOR FUNDING: It is the responsibility of parents to apply for extended or working family funding in the term before the funding begins. It is also the responsibility of parents to reconfirm their eligibility every 3 months.

How do we apply your funding?

We spread the Government-funded hours evenly across the year and deduct them from your child's weekly booking pattern, up to a maximum of 10 funded hours per day.

Calculating 15 hours funding

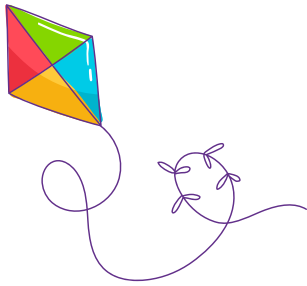
- Total annual entitlement: 570 hours (38 weeks × 15 hours).
- When stretched over a 51-week place, this equates to a maximum of 11 funded hours per week 570 ÷ 51).

Calculating 30 hours funding

- Total annual entitlement: 1,140 hours per year (38 weeks × 30 hours).
- When stretched over a 51-week place, this equates to a maximum of 22 funded hours per week (1,140 ÷ 51).

If your child starts or leaves mid-month, fees are calculated using a daily rate.
If you need support to understand which funding you may be entitled to and the steps you need to take, please visit Childcare Choices and use their eligibility checker.

Please note: Your total yearly funding amount will be spread across the number of weeks that the nursery is open.



What is the additional charge linked to funded sessions?

Government funding is designed to help provide access to early education. It does not cover the cost of meals, drinks, snacks, nappies (where applicable) and other consumables, extra hours or additional activities, enrichment programmes. To meet these costs, we apply a Consumables & Extras charge to funded sessions.

-This charge contributes to the all the meals and snacks, Online Learning Journal and Access to Famly App, Enrichment classes, cookery, gardening, baking, special learning resources, additional languages lessons, wipes, sun cream, various toiletries and sundries, sports and music; wellbeing lessons, used during your child's funded hours.

If you would prefer that your child does not access these consumables alongside their funded hours, please contact the management team for alternative arrangements and next steps.

For more information about funding, or to apply for a funding code, please visit the Childcare Choices website.

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