

Nursery Fees September 2026

Universal Early Years Entitlement

All children receive their Universal Early Years Entitlement in the term following their 3rd birthday. You will be able to take advantage of the 570 hours per year which will be spread over the 48 weeks that First Steps Nursery is open. This equates to 11.87 hours a week of funded childcare.

Additional hours are chargeable at our current rates:

- Under 2 years old rate: £10.95 per hour
- 2-3-year-old rate: £8.33 per hour
- 3-year-old rate: £8.05 per hour

Working Parents Funding - 9 months +

The term after a child turns 9 months (and working parents of 9 months olds + need to apply for this funding via the childcare choices website) they are entitled to 1140 hours of funded per year annum. You will need to meet the government criteria in order to be eligible for 30 hours entitlement. A total of 1,140 hours will be spread over a maximum of 48 weeks which includes five inset days. First Steps is closed for the month of August and two additional days over the Easter break (these are not charged) First Steps is a setting that is open all year (48 weeks) and uses the stretched offer, therefore funding will be worked out each term taking into account our opening hours.

EYE funding entitlement is: 1140 hours per annum of which five are inset days.

Children can claim up to 23.75 hours per week due our stretched funding offer. You can use more than one provider, but you can only claim the maximum entitlement of hours per funding period in total. If you are using more than one provider, then please let us know so we can ensure our records are accurate.

Tax free childcare for working families

Working families including those who are self employed in the UK may be eligible for Tax free childcare support. For further information please go to:

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

Bank details:

HSBC

Sort code: 40-41-22

Account number: 31420836

Deposit is required of £100 to secure place



Additional Resource Charge (ARS)

First Steps charges an additional resource charge for children who are using government funding to pay for their sessions. This is to enable us to continue to offer the high-quality childcare and resources which we currently offer. These voluntary charges enrich and enhance the opportunities for our children. The full breakdown of what our ARS charges cover are included in our terms and conditions.

Our ARS charges are £3 per session.



Food Charges

The cost for food is as follows:

Breakfast and am snack- £2 (8:30-12:30)

Breakfast, am/pm snack - £2.50- lunch to be provided by parents (8:30-4pm)

Breakfast, am/pm snack and tea - £3.50 lunch to be provided by parents (8:30-5:30pm)

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Under 2 years old Minimum 2 sessions per week Hourly rate £10.95	2 years to 3 years old Hourly Rate £8.33	3 year olds Hourly rate £8.05
Morning Session without lunch - 8.30-12.30 £43.80	Morning Session without lunch - 8.30-12.30 £33.32	Morning Session without lunch - 8.30-12.30 £32.20
Funded morning session without lunch - 8.30-12.30 £4.50 - ARS Charge + snack + breakfast	Funded morning session without lunch - 8.30-12.30 £4.50 - ARS Charge + snack + breakfast	Funded morning session without lunch - 8.30-12.30 £7.50 - ARS Charge + snack + breakfast
Morning session with lunch - 8.30-13.30 £53.25	Morning session with lunch - 8.30-13.30 £38.65	Morning session with lunch - 8.30-13.30 £37.25
Funded morning session with lunch - 8.30-13.30 £5.50 - ARS Charge + snack + breakfast (lunch box provided by parents)	Funded morning session with lunch - 8.30-13.30 £ -£5.50 ARS Charge + snack + breakfast (lunch box provided by parents)	Funded morning session with lunch - 8.30-13.30 £ -£5.50 ARS Charge + snack + breakfast (lunch box provided by parents)
Afternoon session until 4pm - 13.30-16:00 £27.37	Afternoon session until 4pm - 13.30-16:00 £41.65	Afternoon session until 4pm - 13.30-16:00 £29.20
Funded Afternoon session until 4pm - 13.30-16:00 £3.00 - ARS Charge + snack	Funded Afternoon session until 4pm - 13.30-16:00 £ 3.00 - ARS charge + snack	Funded Afternoon session until 4pm - 13.30-16:00 £ 3.00 - ARS charge + snack
Afternoon session with lunch until 4pm - 12.30-16.00 £36.82	Afternoon session with lunch until 4pm - 12.30-16.00 £26.15	Afternoon session with lunch until 4pm - 12.30-16.00 £25.17
Funded Afternoon session with lunch until 4pm - 12.30-16.00 £6.00 - ARS Charge + snack	Funded Afternoon session with lunch until 4pm - 12.30-16.00 £6.00 - ARS Charge + snack	Funded Afternoon session with lunch until 4pm - 12.30-16.00 £6.00 - ARS Charge + snack
One day without tea - 8.30-16.00 £80.62	One day without tea - 8.30-16.00 £59.47	One day without tea - 8.30-16.00 £57.37
Funded One day without tea - 8.30-16.00 £8.00 - ARS charge, 2 x snacks and breakfast (lunch box provided by parents)	Funded One day without tea - 8.30-16.00 £8.00 - ARS charge, 2 x snacks and breakfast (lunch box provided by parents)	Funded One day without tea - 8.30-16.00 £8.00 - ARS charge, 2 x snacks and breakfast (lunch box provided by parents)
One full day with lunch and tea- 8.30-5.30 £97.05	One full day with lunch and tea- 8.30-5.30 £71.97	One full day with lunch and tea- 8.30-5.30 £69.45
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