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Nursery School Fees Sheet & Other Useful Information

At Wise Owls Nursery School, we are committed to providing high-quality early years education and care in a nurturing and stimulating environment. Our fees reflect the cost of maintaining a well-resourced setting with highly qualified staff, a rich curriculum, and a focus on individual learning and development.

We aim to keep our fees as fair and transparent as possible while ensuring we can continue to offer the best care for your child. Below, you will find details on our session pricing, Early Years Free Entitlement (EYFE) funding, and voluntary parent contributions. If you have any questions about your child's sessions or funding eligibility, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Full Nursery Rates

Age Range	Breakfast Club (8.15am-9am)	Morning Session (8.15am-1.15pm)	Core Day (9am-4pm)
9 months - 2 years	£7.17	£48.52 (£9.70 per hour)	£73.21 (£10.46 per hour)
2 - 5 years	£5.76	£45.77 (£9.15 per hour)	£69.20 (£9.90)

EYFE Funding Offers

EYFE Offer 9mth-3yrs - to not exceed x12hrs or 24hrs of EYFE a week

Age Range	Breakfast Club (8.15am-9am)	Morning Session (8.15am-1.15pm)	Core Day (9am-4pm)
9 months - 3 years	0.75 EYFE funded hours Voluntary food & consumables contribution: £0.50	5 EYFE funded hours Voluntary food & consumables contribution: £3.56	7 EYFE funded hours Voluntary food & consumables contribution: £4.16

Term After your child turns 3yrs old - to not exceed x12hrs or 24hrs of EYFE a week

Age Range	Breakfast Club (8.15am-9am)	Morning Session (8.15am-1.15pm)	Core Day (9am-4pm)
3-4 years	£5.76 No EYFE	*£18.93 Includes 4 hours EYFE	*£27.12 Includes 6 hours EYFE

* The amounts shown above include voluntary contributions towards food and consumables and funded hours, in line with our 3 and 4-year-old funding structure. These contributions are optional and are not a condition of accessing an EYFE funded place. Families may opt out each term. Please speak to the management team for further information about opting out and the alternative arrangements available.

1. Introduction

Wise Owls Nursery School offers both funded and non-funded places for children aged 9 months to school age.

This Fee Sheet should be read in conjunction with our EYFE Policy and Parent Contract & Terms and Conditions, which form part of the funding agreement.

All documents are available online at:

www.wiseowlsnurseryschool.co.uk/safeguarding-policies

or upon request from the nursery office.

2. Registration & Deposits

- A non-refundable registration fee of £50 is required to secure a place. This fee covers administration costs and does not apply to our stand-alone EYFE offer. By paying the registration fee, you agree to Wise Owls Nursery School's Terms & Conditions, which are available upon request or when completing our online registration form.
- A £100 deposit is required at enrolment. This will be deducted from your final invoice, provided all fees are up to date.
- Deposits for eligible Disadvantaged 2-Year-Old funded places may be waived at the nursery's discretion, subject to a valid E-number and confirmed eligibility through Brighton & Hove City Council.
- Families accessing a stand-alone EYFE offer will need to pay a £50 deposit, which is 100% refundable after 30 days of enrolment.

3. Session Information & Standard Fees

- Sessions run between 08:15 and 16:00, Monday to Friday.
- A minimum booking pattern of two sessions per week is required.
- EYFE funded hours can only be applied during core funded session times. Please see Section 8.
- Any hours attended outside funded session times will be charged at the nursery's full hourly or sessional rate.

4. Meals and Consumables

- Full-rate private fees include meals, snacks, nappies, wipes, suncream and other everyday consumables.
- For children joining Wise Owls under the new fee structure from September 2026, we ask for a voluntary parent contribution towards food and consumables provided during EYFE funded sessions.
- From the term after a child turns 3 years old, our existing 3 and 4-year-old funding structure applies. This includes separate voluntary contributions towards food and consumables and funded hours.
- All voluntary contributions are optional and are not a condition of taking up or continuing to access an EYFE funded place.
- Families may opt out each term. Where a family chooses to opt out, they will need to provide the relevant food and consumable items from home in line with our nursery policies.

5. Sibling Discounts

- A 10% sibling discount is applied to the eldest child's fees only, where both siblings are attending and paying for their places.

6. Extra Sessions and Additional Charges

- Extra sessions may be booked subject to availability and charged at the standard hourly or session rate.
- Additional optional activities or outings may incur a separate cost, which will be communicated in advance.

7. Funding Overview (EYFE)

Wise Owls Nursery School offers EYFE funding for eligible children from 9 months in line with Government and Local Authority guidance:

- **Universal Entitlement (15 hours)** for all 3 and 4-year-olds.
- **Extended Entitlement (up to 30 hours)** for eligible working families.
- **Disadvantaged 2-Year-Old Funding** for eligible families.

Please refer to our EYFE Policy and Terms & Conditions for full details.

7.1 Stretched Funding Offer

Wise Owls Nursery School operates a stretched EYFE model over 47.5 weeks per year to provide consistent year-round early education.

This means:

- The 15-hour universal entitlement is delivered as 12 funded hours per week.
- The 30-hour extended entitlement is delivered as 24 funded hours per week.

This stretched model allows children to attend regularly throughout the year rather than only during term time.

8. Funded Session Structure

- EYFE hours are available between 08:15 and 16:00 for children aged 9 months to 3 years.
- From the term after a child turns 3, EYFE hours are available:
 - 09:00 to 15:00, or
 - 08:15 to 12:15.
- Hours outside these funded times are charged at the full hourly or sessional rate.
- Funded places are subject to availability and must be booked as part of a regular attendance pattern.

9. Voluntary Parent Contributions

- Wise Owls may request voluntary parent contributions towards food and consumables provided during funded sessions.
- For children joining Wise Owls under the new fee structure from September 2026, these contributions may apply from the start of their funded place.

- From the term after a child turns 3 years old, our existing 3 and 4-year-old funding structure applies and may also include a separate voluntary contribution towards funded hours.
- Voluntary contributions are not top-up fees and are not a condition of accessing funded early education hours.
- Choosing not to make a voluntary contribution will not reduce or affect a child's funded entitlement.

10. Opting Out of Voluntary Contributions

- Parents and carers may opt out of voluntary contributions each term by completing an Opt-Out Declaration Form before the start of the relevant term.
- Opting out will not affect access to EYFE funded hours.
- Families who opt out will need to provide the relevant food and consumable items required for their child, such as meals and snacks, nappies, wipes, suncream and any required milk, in line with nursery food safety and allergy policies.
- Full details of the opt-out arrangements are available from the nursery management team.

11. Funding Deadlines & Code Responsibilities

- Parents must apply for, reconfirm and maintain eligibility for EYFE through HMRC or the Local Authority.
- A valid Working Family Code or E-number must be submitted by the relevant deadline.
- Late or invalid codes may result in full fees being charged until eligibility is confirmed.

Deadlines

- 31 August → funding starts 1 September
- 31 December → funding starts 1 January
- 31 March → funding starts 1 April
- Codes must be reconfirmed every 3 months.
- One code is required per child. Siblings cannot share codes.
- If codes expire mid-term, the Local Authority's grace period rules will apply.

12. Additional Funding Streams

Wise Owls may claim the following where eligible:

- DAF – Disability Access Fund
- ASF – Additional Support Funding
- EYPP – Early Years Pupil Premium

These funds support inclusion and access and are paid directly to the nursery, not to parents.

13. Payment Terms

- Invoices are issued monthly in advance and are payable by the 28th of each month.
- Accepted payments include:
 - BACS
 - Standing order
 - Childcare vouchers
 - Tax-Free Childcare
- Late payments may incur:
 - £20 late fee after the 28th

- £2 per day thereafter
- Possible suspension after repeated late payments

14. Late Collection Fees

- A £10 late collection charge applies for the first 15 minutes, with further charges thereafter.

15. Absences & Holidays

- Fees remain payable during absences, sickness, holidays or family events.
- Funded hours are non-transferable and cannot be banked.
- At least 2 weeks' notice is required for planned holidays.

16. Nursery Closures & INSET Days

- Wise Owls closes for 4 weeks per year:
 - 1 week at Christmas
 - 1 week at Easter
 - 1 week during the summer
 - 1 week in October
- Bank holidays are chargeable.
- 4 INSET days per year are chargeable.
- Closure dates are shared in advance via Family and our website.

17. Notice Period

- A minimum of two months' written notice is required to reduce or terminate any private nursery hours.
- A minimum of one month's written notice is required to reduce or terminate any funded EYFE hours.
- Notice must be provided in writing via email or letter to the Nursery Manager.
- Fees may be charged in lieu of notice if the required notice period is not given.
- This policy ensures appropriate staffing levels can be maintained and funded places can be reallocated in line with Local Authority requirements.

18. EYFE Stand-Alone Offer

Families may access an EYFE funded place without paying voluntary contributions.

Where a family chooses a stand-alone funded offer or opts out of voluntary contributions, they will need to provide the relevant food and consumable items required for their child, including packed meals and snacks, nappies, wipes, suncream and any required milk.

Any food provided from home must comply with the nursery's food safety, allergy and dietary requirements.

Funded hours remain free and are not dependent on families purchasing additional hours, meals, consumables or other optional services.

Specific attendance patterns and availability for stand-alone funded places are set out in the Wise Owls EYFE Policy.

19. What's Included in Full-Rate Fees

Full-rate private fees include:

- All meals, including breakfast, snacks, lunch and tea where applicable
- Family app access
- Nappies, wipes and suncream
- Cooking and baking ingredients
- Artist Practitioner and enrichment activities
- Highly qualified staff and planned curriculum

20. Review of Fees & Terms and Conditions

- Fees are reviewed annually.
- Wise Owls reserves the right to amend fees or terms with minimum of two calendar months' written notice.

21. Policy Reference

This Fee Sheet forms part of the nursery's contractual agreement and should be read alongside the Parent Contract & Terms and Conditions and EYFE Policy.

These documents are available online or from the nursery office and contain full details on eligibility, contributions, funding deadlines and procedures.