



FEES – 45 WEEK PROVISION

At Early Days, we understand childcare can feel expensive and we try to keep our fees as family-friendly as possible. However, we also need to ensure we can continue to provide the service to our children and families of first-class childcare that Early Days is known for and has delivered for over 30 years, so our fee structure is also reflective of this.

- Fees include breakfast (breakfast club sessions only), 2 x snacks per day, hot lunch, tea (tea club sessions only), nappies/wipes and associated consumables and some extracurricular activities
- We are closed on all Bank Holidays & Christmas week for which **no fees are charged**
- Fees are due for all other absences, including sickness and any holiday taken during the 40 weeks of contracted term time as well as nursery closures due to extreme weather
- Late pick ups will be charged at £5.00 per half hour late – this is levied to cover the additional staff costs of retaining staff on site to maintain ratios

Note: We do not allow parents/carers to bring in their own food and drink for their children. This is a safeguarding measure designed to reduce the risk from hazards such as allergens, food poisoning and choking. Additionally, the policy helps us combat food inequality, promote communal, healthy eating and enables us to embed mealtimes within the wider curriculum (where children learn about specific foodstuffs and then eat them). We have also found that children consume more when everyone is served the same food. We do work with families with food allergy issues.

Weekly Fees: Core Day/Minimum Session – 8.45 am – 4.00 pm

| Class Room | | 5 Days | 4 Days | 3 Days | 2 Days |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Owls Class 3-4 yrs | Non Funded | £328.25 | £262.60 | £196.95 | £131.30 |
| | 25 Hrs Funded (30) | £160.85 | £95.20 | £71.40 | £47.60 |
| | 12.5 Hrs Funded (15) | £235.70 | £173.00 | £110.30 | £47.60 |
| Squirrels Class 2-3 yrs | Non Funded | £351.25 | £281.00 | £210.75 | £140.50 |
| | 25 Hrs Funded (30) | £167.65 | £97.40 | £73.05 | £48.70 |
| | 12.5 Hrs Funded (15) | £259.45 | £189.20 | £118.95 | £48.70 |
| Hedgehogs Class 2 and under | Non Funded | £351.25 | £281.00 | £210.75 | £140.50 |
| | 25 Hrs Funded (30) | £167.65 | £97.40 | £73.05 | £48.70 |
| | 12.5 Hrs Funded (15) | £259.45 | £189.20 | £118.95 | £48.70 |

Add-On Sessions priced per Day

To give parents full flexibility, these extra sessions can be added on to the start or end of any core day of your choosing. For example, you may choose to add a 7.30 am breakfast club on one day, an early morning on another and stay with the 8.45 am start on another. The same example applies at the end of the day when parents can be specific and choose which end time they need for each day.

| Class Room | Breakfast Club 7.30 am Start | Early Morning 8.00 – 8.45 am drop offs | Tea Club 4.00 – 5.00 pm | Extended Tea Club 4.00 – 5.30 pm | Full Day Tea Club 4.00 – 6.00 pm |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Owls | £11.85 | £6.50 | £10.25 | £14.60 | £18.90 |
| Funded 3 Days/ 25 Hrs ONLY* | £3.45 | Not offered | £3.55 | £4.55 | £5.50 |
| Squirrels | £12.50 | £6.90 | £10.80 | £15.40 | £20.00 |
| Funded 3 Days/ 25 Hrs ONLY* | £3.60 | Not offered | £3.55 | £4.70 | £5.65 |
| Hedgehogs | £12.50 | £6.90 | £10.80 | £15.40 | £20.00 |
| Funded 3 Days/ 25 Hrs ONLY* | £3.60 | Not offered | £3.55 | £4.70 | £5.65 |

* This funded price is available **only for children on 2 or 3 days of funding with 25 hours of stretched funding** so they can maximize their funding to 25 hours. Please note that children attending 4 days with 25 hours of stretched funding and those attending 2 or 3 days on 12.5 hours of stretched funding will have already maxed their funded hours within our core/minimum day hours.

Did you know you could save 20% off your fees with Tax Free Childcare?

We strongly encourage families to make additional savings on childcare by opening a tax-free childcare account. For every £8.00 you pay into this account, the Government will pay in £2.00 and you are able to receive up to £500 every three months (up to £2,000 a year) for each of your children to help with the costs of childcare. These accounts can also be used alongside 15 and 30 hour funding. Go to <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare> for more information. Payments can then be made from your online childcare account directly to Early Days.

Late Payment of Fees

Invoices are raised every five weeks in arrears and are payable within ten days. Fees that are not paid and cleared ten days after the invoice date will incur a late payment charge of 10% of any outstanding fees with a minimum charge of £10.00 to a maximum charge of £100.00 for the first seven days. After seven days all outstanding accounts will be subject to a £10.00 per day charge regardless of outstanding fees.

Children may be excluded from the nursery if fees remain outstanding beyond 30 days from their due date. All costs incurred in the collection of unpaid fees after 30 days, including our administration costs which will be charged at £50 per late invoice, and any costs and disbursement paid to solicitors or collecting agencies acting on behalf of the nursery, shall be recoverable in full.