

Fee structure 2026

Pathfield Nursery is open from 8am till 6pm Monday to Friday, 51 weeks per year.

We operate an open-admission policy throughout the year, operating at full capacity in line with Ofsted registration.

Admissions are not based on ability or aptitude and are subject to availability.

Offers require written acceptance, a deposit payment and a signed copy of our Terms and Conditions. There is a place allocation system with a general priority order:

- 1.Existing families
- 2.Full time places
- 3.Children of staff members
- 4.Fully funded places
- 5.Application date

Pathfield Nursery provides government-funded childcare hours in line with the government guidance. This fee structure outlines the nursery education funding available from 1st September 2025, including government-funded childcare support provided for 38 weeks per year, which is stretched over 51 weeks up to a maximum of 10h per day.

Stretched Funded hours per week over 51 weeks

Weekly hours funded by the Government over 38 weeks a year	Pathfield Nursery weekly hours funded over 51 weeks a year
15 h	11h 10m
30 h	22 h 20m

Any extra hours beyond the stretched funded hours are charged at the nursery's standard rates.

Please note that the funding can be split between two settings.

1.Childcare Funding

1.a Overview

Child age	Hours available	Eligibility
3-4 years	15h	Universal offer Available to all parents <i>All 3-4 years-old qualify automatically</i>
9 months-4 years	30h	Eligible working families Available to Working parents only. <i>Both parents (or a single parent) must earn at least 16h of minimum wage a week but under £100,000 per year.</i>
Disadvantaged 2 years-old	15h	Eligible to families who receive certain benefits or meet other criteria.

1.b Eligibility Start dates

	Under 2s	2 years old	3-4 years old
A child born between	Is eligible from	Is eligible from	Is eligible from
1 September and 31 December	1 January following the child turning 9 months	1 January following the child's second birthday	1 January following the child's third birthday
1 January and 31 March	1 April following the child turning 9 months	1 April following the child's second birthday	1 April following the child's third birthday
1 April and 31 August	1 September following the child turning 9 months	1 September following the child's second birthday	1 September following the child's third birthday

1.c Application process:

How to apply: Apply online at childcarechoices.gov.uk

When to apply: Up to 16 weeks before your child's qualifying birthday.

When funding starts: The term after your child becomes eligible (January, April or September).

Admin tasks: A parents' declaration form is to be completed and returned to the nursery on a yearly basis. It asks for written consent for the nursery to check eligibility for funding.

Ongoing: Reconfirm eligibility through HMRC every 3 months. If eligibility is not reconfirmed, you will lose your funded place.

2. Additional charges

Funded hours only cover the cost of childcare; the basic delivery of early education as well as staffing and core provision through a set number of free childcare hours.

These funded hours do not include meals, non-food consumables, educational activities. These additional charges are optional and are applied if parents wish to opt for a more inclusive package.

Table of our additional charges:

- **Charges for Meals:** breakfast, morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack and tea. This cost includes the food as well as the cost incurred to prepare freshly cooked daily nutritious meals by a qualified chef.
- **Non-food consumables charges contribute towards everyday items that are used in the care and wellbeing of children. This includes but is not limited to:**
 - o Tissues, paper towels and toilet paper or cotton wool.
 - o Hand soap, wipes and sanitising products.
 - o Nappy sacks, gloves and other hygiene items
 - o Art and craft materials such as paint, glitter, glue etc
- Charges for Educational activities are extra-curricular and enrichment activities. These include special events such as Mother's Day, Father's Day, Grandparents' Tea Party, Christmas concert, Graduation ceremony, Authors' visits, specialist visitors such as Zoolab etc...

Pathfield Nursery is committed to providing high-quality early years experiences that go beyond statutory Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) requirements through an enhanced environment, all-inclusive environment.

Please see below the list of extra-curricular activities available at Pathfield Nursery:

Extra-curricular activities on offer at Pathfield Nursery		
Babies	Toddlers	Pre-school
Music sessions led by Caterpillar Music specialist teacher	Music sessions led by Caterpillar Music specialist teacher	Music sessions led by Caterpillar Music specialist teacher
Yoga	Yoga	Yoga
Cooking	Cooking	Cooking
Makaton	Makaton	Makaton
	Self-esteem adventures led by a specialist teacher	Self-esteem adventures led by a specialist teacher
	Sport sessions led by Totstar Sport coaches	Sport sessions led by Totstar Sport coaches
		French sessions led by the Director, a French native speaker and a qualified Modern Foreign Languages teacher
		Art Classes led by one of our members of staff who is also a local artist

Daily cost for additional charges according to age group:

	Babies	Toddlers	Pre-schoolers
Meals	£ 9	£ 11	£ 13
Non-food consumables	£ 3	£ 3	£ 4
Educational activities	£ 2	£ 4	£ 6
Daily cost	£ 14	£ 18	£ 23

3. Opting out Policy

As stated above, additional charges are not mandatory. Parents may opt out of some or all additional charges. Please note that children may be excluded from certain activities/resources if the charges are not paid. However, we ensure that the core EYFS provision is always provided at no cost.

Please also note that if you opt out of the Meals option, you will be required to carefully adhere to a strict policy, when bringing in food for your child.

Weekly Attendance for funded childcare

We normally require a minimum attendance of 2 days a week for 15h children and three days a week for 30h children. For children who opt for funded hours only, without any additional hours, i.e. 11h or 22h, they will be able to attend nursery as follows:

<i>Government Funding over 38 weeks</i>	<i>Government funding stretched over 51 weeks</i>	Funded hours only weekly attendance
15h a week over 38h	11h a week over 51 weeks	1 day per week + 1 extra day in the term
30h a week over 38 weeks	22h a week over 51 weeks	2 days per week + 2 extra days in the term

4. Monthly fees

We operate an equalised billing system where fees are split equally across 12 months. Every month, parents are issued an itemised invoice which clearly shows the charges incurred throughout the month.

Please see below our all-inclusive monthly fees, taking into account all additional charges for funded hours plus the cost of non-funded hours.

For parents who choose the funded-only option, a monthly invoice will still be issued but no cost will be incurred.

Babies

Weekly attendance	1 year old No funding	1 year old 15-hr Entitlement for working parents over 51 weeks	1 year old 30-hr Entitlement for working parents over 51 weeks
3 days (30h)	£1281	-	£460
4 days (40h)	£1666	-	£868
5 days (50h)	£2040	-	£1261

Toddlers

Weekly attendance	2 years old No funding	2 years old 15-hr Entitlement for working parents over 51 weeks	2 years old 30-hr Entitlement for working parents over 51 weeks
3 days (30h)	£1205	-	£478
4 days (40h)	£1539	-	£850
5 days (50h)	£1891	-	£1217

Pre-schoolers

<i>Weekly attendance</i>	3-4 years old No funding	3-4 years old 15-hr Universal Entitlement over 51 weeks	3- 4 years old 30-hr Extended entitlement over 51 weeks
2 days (20h)	£833	£477	-
3 days (30h)	£1185	£853	£520
4 days (40h)	£1513	£1200	£885
5 days (50h)	£1742	£1462	£1181

Babies: 1 year – second birthday

Daily Rate

3 days	£100.5
4 days	£98
Full time – 5 days a week	£96

Toddlers: 2 years – third birthday

3 days	£94.5
4 days	£90.5
Full time – 5 days a week	£89

Pre-schoolers: 3 years – rising 5s

2 days	£98
3 days	£93
4 days	£89
Full time – 5 days a week	£82

2.Late collection fee:

For each fifteen minutes after 6.00 pm: £10

3. Deposit and Admin fee:

A deposit of £700 is payable upon booking. This deposit is fully refundable once your child has started their nursery place. If, for unforeseen reasons, your child cannot start at Pathfield Nursery, we require four months' notice prior to the agreed start date for the deposit to be refunded. If you choose to postpone your child's start date by more than one month, 50% of the monthly fees will be payable from the original agreed start date until the new start date. A £100 one-off administration fee is payable upon registration and is non-refundable. This fee covers administrative costs associated with processing your child's registration, as well as basic costs incurred during the settling-in period.

4. Attendance:

A minimum of three full sessions must be booked per week. The only exception is for pre-schoolers, who have a minimum attendance requirement of two full days per week. Please note all our part-time places are subject to availability and are allocated at our discretion. Two or three-day placements must include either a Monday or a Friday.

Please note :

Charges are made for the number of sessions contracted weekly, regardless of whether your child attends every contracted session.

No refunds or reductions are applicable by virtue of your child's failure to attend for any reason. Neither refunds nor reductions will be given if Pathfield Nursery have to close for reasons beyond its control.

Fees are reviewed annually with parents given one month's notice.