

Fees Policy

Effective 1 September 2025

1. Purpose of This Policy

This policy explains how Play Station Nursery Ltd charges fees, applies government-funded early education hours, and offers optional sundry charges. It has been written in line with **DfE Early Education and Childcare Statutory Guidance**, including the requirement that:

- Funded hours are free at the point of delivery.
 - Parents are not required to pay for meals, consumables, or additional services as a condition of accessing their funded hours.
 - Any sundry payments must be voluntary.
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2. Government Funding

We offer the following funded entitlements in accordance with DfE rules:

2.1 Universal 15 Hours

For all children aged 3–4 (and eligible 2-year-olds).

2.2 Extended 30 Hours (Working Parents' Entitlement)

For eligible working parents of:

- Children aged 9 months–3 years
- Children aged 3–4

Eligibility must be reconfirmed every three months through the government system.

2.3 Allocation of Funded Hours

Funded hours are delivered in the following patterns (cannot be redistributed to alternative days):

- 30 hours funding:
 - 2 × 9-hour days
 - 1 × 4.75-hour day
- 15 hours funding (50 weeks):
 - 1 × 7-hour day
 - 1 × 4.5-hour day
- 15 hours funding (42-week stretched model):
 - 3 × 4.5-hour days

Parents may purchase additional hours on top of funded hours (see section 5).

2.4 No Top-Up Fees

Parents **will not be charged** for the funded hours themselves.

Any additional hours outside the funded entitlement are charged at the standard published rate.

3. Optional Sundries Charges

In line with DfE rules, our sundries charges are:

- Voluntary
- Separate from funded hours
- Covering items not included in the government funding, such as:
 - Meals and snacks
 - Consumables (wipes, suncream, wet-weather items)
 - Enhanced activities (visitors, trips, forest school, enrichment experiences)

Parents may **opt out at any time** (see Section 4).

3.1 Sundries Rates

If you would like us to provide meals, consumables and enrichment for your child the breakdown of costs are below.

Preschool (3-4 years)

- **£27.50 per week**

Breakdown:

- Meals: £14.50 per week [All meals: Breakfast, 2 x Snacks a two course Lunch and afternoon tea **£5.50 Full day x2 £3.50 morning session x1 total £14.50 per week**]
- Consumables: £5.00 per week Consumables **£2.00 Full day x 2, £1.00 half day x 1 total £5 per week** including but not limited to Wipes, cheeky wipes, wet weather clothing, suncream
- Enrichment: £8.00 per week **£3.00 Full day x 2 £2 .00 half day x1 total £8 per week** (including but not limited to)

Forest School, Trips into the wider community (The park, Nature walks, for example) Larger scale trips (Weston-Super-Mare, Museum trips, arboretum for example), Visitors we have in, Alpacas, Mini farm, tails and scales, Yoga, Mini athletics

Children aged 2-3

- **£18.00 per week**

Breakdown:

- Meals: £6.50 per week [All meals: Breakfast, 2 x Snacks a two course Lunch and afternoon tea **£2.50 Full day x2 £1.50 morning session x1 total £6.50 per week**]
- Consumables: £5.00 per week [Consumables **£2.00 Full day x 2 , £1.00 half day x 1 total £5 per week**]
- Enrichment: £6.50 per week [**£2.50 Full day x 2 £1.50 half day x1 total £6.50 per week** (including but not limited to)]

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Children aged 0-2

- £7.00 per week [

Breakdown:

- Meals: £6.00 per week [All meals: Breakfast, 2 x Snacks a two course Lunch and afternoon tea **£2.50 Full day x2 £1.00 morning session x1 total £6.00 per week**
 - Consumables: £1.00 per week **£0.50p Full day x 2 = £1.00 per week. There is no additional charge on the half-day session**
 - No enrichment charge
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4. Opting Out of Sundries

Parents who choose not to pay sundry charges will need to provide:

4.1 Meals and Snacks

- Breakfast cereal, bread/bagel (no chocolate cereals or pastries)
- Healthy morning snack (fruit/veg)
- Packed lunch (no crisps, chocolate you may provide a yoghurt for desert)
- Afternoon snack (Plain biscuit or fruit/vegetable sticks)
- Tea (cold items only, e.g., sandwich/wrap & fruit)

All food must:

- Be provided daily in an insulated lunch box
- Be clearly labelled with allergy information

4.2 Consumables

- Suncream (clearly labelled; applied before arrival)
- All-in-one wet-weather clothing
- Wipes and hygiene items if applicable

4.3 Enrichment Activities

Where parents opt out:

- Their child will still receive high-quality care and education
 - Access to optional trips/events will be limited
 - Parents may choose to pay for activities individually as they occur, these will be at an individual cost set by the Nursery. Cost is dependant on the activity or experience provided
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5. Fee Structure

Standard session rates (per age group) and "top-up" charges—meaning **purchased hours beyond the funded entitlement**—are listed exactly as provided in your original document.

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(These can be inserted as tables if preferred for your final policy format.)



6. Billing Information

- Fees are charged **over 50 weeks per year** unless otherwise stated.
 - From September 2025, families receiving 15 hours over 42 weeks will be billed across **11 months** (no invoice issued in August 2026).
 - Sundries charges are invoiced weekly or monthly depending on the payment arrangement.
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7. Communication & Queries

We encourage all parents to contact **Natalie** with any questions relating to:

- Funding eligibility
- Session bookings
- Sundries
- Fee calculations
- How opting out may affect your child's day

We will always aim to ensure transparency and support families in understanding their childcare costs.

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All Additional sessions and Top up sessions are optional and not a condition of accessing funding.

Session Fees – Preschool (3–4 years)

Session	Price
Full day 7.45–6.00	£80.50
9-hour session	£71.10
9.25-hour session	£73.08
8.25-hour session	£65.18
Half day morning	£41.48
Half day afternoon	£39.50

Top-Up Rates – Preschool (3–4 years)

Top-Up Scenario	Charge
9-hour session → Full day	£9.88
9-hour session → 9.25 hr	£1.98
4.75 hr → Full morning	£3.95
4.75 hr → 8.25 hr	£27.65
4.75 hr → 9 hr	£33.58
4.75 hr → 9.25 hr	£35.55
4.75 hr → 10.25 hr	£43.45

Session Fees – Children Aged 2–3

Session	Price
Full day 7.45–6.00	£87.13
9-hour session	£76.50
9.25-hour session	£78.63
8.25-hour session	£70.13
Half day morning	£44.63
Half day afternoon	£42.50

Top-Up Rates – Children Aged 2–3

Top-Up Scenario	Charge
9-hour session → Full day	£10.63
9-hour session → 9.25 hr	£2.13
4.75 hr → Full morning	£4.25
4.75 hr → 8.25 hr	£29.75
4.75 hr → 9 hr	£36.13
4.75 hr → 9.25 hr	£38.25
4.75 hr → 10.25 hr	£46.75

Session Fees – Children Aged 0–2

Session	Price
Full day 7.45–6.00	£90.20
9-hour session	£79.20
9.25-hour session	£81.40
8.25-hour session	£72.60
Half day morning	£46.20
Half day afternoon	£44.00

Top-Up Rates – Children Aged 0–2

Top-Up Scenario	Charge
9-hour session → Full day	£11.00
9-hour session → 9.25 hr	£2.20
4.75 hr → Full morning	£4.40
4.75 hr → 8.25 hr	£30.80
4.75 hr → 9 hr	£37.40
4.75 hr → 9.25 hr	£39.60
4.75 hr → 10.25 hr	£48.40