

VICTORIA PLACE DAY NURSERY & PRESCHOOL

Pricing and Funding

Your final fee depends on your child's age, attendance pattern, funded entitlement and any optional services you choose. We will explain the total charge for your agreed pattern before the place starts. Fees for additional hours are voluntary and are not required to access funded entitlement hours.

Monthly fees are calculated by multiplying the weekly charge by the 51 weeks we are open and dividing by 12. Multi-day discounts are built into the fee schedule.

Settling in Sessions

We do not charge for settling-in sessions. Every child is unique and may need time to feel comfortable in a new environment. We work closely with families so that children and parents feel happy, confident and reassured as their child settles into nursery life.

Registration fee and deposit

A £55 non-refundable registration fee applies only where a parent chooses additional fee-paying hours. A £200 deposit is refundable. It will be returned when your child leaves the nursery. The deposit is not a charge for funded hours. No registration fee or deposit is due for a funded entitlement place.

Payment of fees

Fees are due on the first day of each month in advance. We accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare, Early Education Entitlement funding and Student Finance, where applicable.

Government-funded early education entitlement

We offer government-funded early education entitlement places for eligible children aged 9 months to 4 years. The entitlement available depends on your child's age and eligibility. This can include the 15-hour universal entitlement for eligible 3- and 4-year-olds and funded hours for eligible working families.

We operate for 51 weeks each year and stretch the entitlement across the weeks we are open. Our stretched offer is:

- 15-hour entitlement: 11.18 funded hours per week.
- 30-hour entitlement: 22.36 funded hours per week.

Please speak to us before accepting a place so that we can explain the sessions available for your child.

You may access funded entitlement hours without buying additional paid hours, meals, consumables or activities. Additional hours and optional services are your choice and are not a condition of receiving funded hours. Please contact us to discuss a funded-only place.

The stretched hours above are designed to deliver the equivalent of 15 or 30 hours per week over 38 term-time weeks. Your agreed pattern and total funded hours will be confirmed with you before the place starts.

Meals, snacks and packed food

Our meal service costs £8 per full day or £4 per session and includes meals, snacks and milk. Taking our meal service during funded entitlement hours is optional.

Parents who choose not to use our meal service during funded entitlement hours may provide a packed lunch/food from home. Please tell us in advance if you wish to opt out of the meal service so that we can agree arrangements. Packed food must comply with our packed-lunch policy. This helps us manage allergy risks and keep all children safe.

Mealtimes are an important opportunity for children to socialise, develop independence and enjoy eating together in an inclusive environment. Please ask the nursery for a copy of the packed-lunch policy and guidance on changing your meal arrangements.

Consumables, activities and other optional services

This price list does not specify a separate charge for non-food consumables such as nappies, wipes or sun cream, or for additional activities and events. No such charge is included in the prices above. If an optional chargeable service is offered, we will provide details of what it includes, its price, the arrangements for opting in or out, and any relevant notice period in writing before you make a decision. Optional services will not be a condition of accessing funded entitlement hours.

Applying for and maintaining funding

- A completed and signed parent authorisation form must be provided before an entitlement place can be offered.
- If your child attends more than one provider, please declare all funded hours used at each setting on the parent authorisation form. The total claimed across providers must not exceed your child's permitted entitlement.
- For working-family entitlement hours, you must provide a valid eligibility code before a place can be offered and complete reconfirmation when required to maintain eligibility.
- Please tell us promptly if your eligibility, attendance pattern or use of another provider changes.
- The notice period for changing or ending funded hours is the period set out in your parent authorisation form. Separate notice terms may apply to additional fee-paying hours and services; these will be explained in your fee agreement.
- If your child moves to a different entitlement phase, we will discuss the change with you and confirm any effect on the agreed hours and fees.

Questions and further information

We understand that funding options and fee arrangements can sometimes be confusing. Please contact the nursery if you would like further information or clarification about eligibility, funded hours, fees or optional services.

The local authority guidance lists Achieving for Children's parent query email as fis@achievingforchildren.org.uk. Please check the address against the current local authority website before relying on it.