

Quackers Fees and Funding – All Ages

Effective 1st April 2026

Introduction

We apologise for the length of this document. Unfortunately, we must comply with numerous government regulations regarding the use of Funded Childcare. We have endeavoured to be as clear as possible; please contact us if you have any questions. We aim to be TRANSPARENT about the costs associated with our services. This document contains 4 Sections

Section 1 - General Fees to Access Our Service

Section 2 - Paid for Fixed Sessions and Create Your Own

Section 3 - Fully Funded Free of Charge Basic Sessions

Section 4 – Fully Funded Free of Charge Hours with additional Create Your Own paid hours

SECTION 1 - GENERAL FEES TO ACCESS OUR SERVICE AND TYPES OF SERVICE AVAILABLE

Registration Fee:

- No fee if only using for our Fully Funded sessions.
- £50 non-refundable fee for sessions where parents pay for all or part of a session, covering settling-in visits and a nursery bag.

Deposit:

- £50 refundable deposit for our Fully Funded sessions, returned after the first paid month as long as you start on your agreed start date.
- No deposit required if paying the £50 registration fee.

Voluntary Consumable and Additional Services Charges:

As you may know, funding rates in our industry are below breakeven for certain age groups and don't keep up with inflation, such as minimum wage increases. Between April 2010 and April 2025, the UK's minimum wage for adults aged 21+ increased by 106%, while nursery funding for 3 and 4-year-olds only increased by 53%.

Government funding covers the cost of childcare provision only and does not include additional items such as nappies, wipes, sunscreen, meals, or snacks. In order to continue providing these items and maintain the quality of care while keeping the nursery sustainable, we have introduced a voluntary daily contribution for children attending any session where funding is used.

- £1.00 per funded day – this covers unlimited nursery consumables (nappies, wipes, sunscreen, farm visit, external educational sessions and all celebratory events, etc.)
- £4.00 per funded day – this covers breakfast, both snacks, lunch, and afternoon tea

In line with funding requirements, parents may choose to provide their own food and consumables.

If you wish to do this, the Nursery Manager will explain the relevant policies and requirements to ensure they meet our health, safety, and hygiene standards.

The contribution will be automatically added to monthly invoices unless you inform us before your child starts or provide two weeks' notice before the start of the next month, at which point the charges can be removed.

Full Year and Term Time Only Contracts:

- Term-time contracts are no longer available for new paid for bookings; however, they are still provided to parents who currently have a term time only contract, or those seeking FULLY FUNDED sessions only.
- With the EXCEPTION of our Fully funded sessions, any paid for Session that is on a Term Time only basis will have a £6.60 daily surcharge added to help cover the cost of keeping your place available during school holidays. These dates run in Line with West Berks School Term Dates.

Sibling Discounts:

- A sibling discount of 5% is available on our 10 Hour Daily Sessions and will be applied to the oldest sibling's invoice. No discount will be given where a child is only using funded hours and any discount is applied to the paid for session cost. Excludes the Term Time Surcharge which is due in full.

Notice Period:

- Our contractual notice period remains the same for all types of sessions.

Booking Pattern

- Parents can book any combination of Fully Funded and Paid for Sessions over the week.
- Minimum of 2 days per week must be booked.

Availability:

- All sessions are subject to availability due to differing room sizes, age groups and varying session lengths. If your preferred session is not available, we will try and offer an alternative and inform you of any cost differences so you can decide whether to proceed. We are happy to add you to our waiting list for any session that are full. If we are unable to help or you do not wish to proceed with the session offered, the Local Authority can help you find a provider to meet your requirements.

SECTION 2– Paid for Fixed Sessions and Create Your Own

Parents can purchase non-Funded childcare in two ways: **Fixed Sessions** or **Create Your Own**.

Our Fixed Session are our cheapest and easiest way of accessing paid for childcare

FIXED SESSIONS

We provide four fixed session lengths intended to meet the needs of most parents. Due to their fixed nature, we can staff and plan more effectively, thereby increasing availability and keeping costs down. These are as follows.

SESSIONS	Under 2 Year Old	2-3 Years Old	Over 3 Years Old
Full Day 8am – 6pm 5 sessions per week*	£88.00	£85.25	£85.25
Full Day 8am – 6pm 1-4 sessions per week*	£96.80	£93.50	£93.50
Short Day 8am – 4pm 5 sessions per week*	£77.00	£74.80	£74.80
Short Day 8am – 4pm 1-4 sessions per week*	£84.70	£82.50	£82.50
EXTRA SESSIONS THAT CAN BE ADDED (Discounted)	Per Day	Per Day	Per Day
Early Start 7:30am - 8am 1-5 sessions per week	£6.50	£6.50	£6.50
Late Finish 6pm - 6.15pm 1-5 sessions per week	£6.50	£6.50	£6.50

**The above prices are for attendance 51 weeks a year. Term Time only Places have an additional £6.60 per day supplement added.*

CREATE YOUR OWN.

You may request any number of hours, days, and session length at our standard hourly rate (based on the child's age). For children attending less than 8 hours a day, your space will be shared meaning start and finish times and session lengths depend on other children's booking patterns and what is available.

We offer **SUBSTANTIAL DAILY VOLUME DISCOUNTS** on our standard hourly rate the more hours you purchase.

DAILY VOLUME DISCOUNTS

9 Month Old Hourly Rate and Discounts Provided*

Break Point for Discount based on Number of Hours Purchased in a Particular Day	Multi Hour Discount	Hourly Rate AFTER DISCOUNT
Standard Hourly Rate		£14.00
2	7.1%	£13.00
2.5	20.7%	£11.10
5	21.4%	£11.00
7	30.9%	£9.68

2 to 3 Year Old Hourly Rate and Discounts Provided*

Break Point for Discount based on Number of Hours Purchased in a Particular Day	Multi Hour Discount	Hourly Rate AFTER DISCOUNT
Standard Hourly Rate		£14.35
2	2.4%	£14.00
2.5	22.6%	£11.10
5	23.7%	£10.95
7	32.8%	£9.64

3 Year Old plus Hourly Rate and Discounts Provided*

Break Point for Discount based on Number of Hours Purchased in a Particular Day	Multi Hour Discount	Hourly Rate AFTER DISCOUNT
Standard Hourly Rate		£39.85
2	48.8%	£20.41
2.5	50.9%	£19.56
3	59.9%	£15.99
4	63.9%	£14.40
5	69.0%	£12.35
7	72.9%	£10.78

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SECTION 3 – FULLY FUNDED FREE OF CHARGE BASIC SESSIONS

Funding rates continue to fall behind the actual cost of providing childcare. At the same time, we are facing increased operating costs, including higher business rates and a 4.1% rise in the National Minimum Wage.

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Fully Funded Session Timings and Costs

Session	Session	Funded Hours	Additional Paid For Hours	Cost of Additional Hours AFTER DISCOUNTS	Term Time Surcharge	Amount Payable per Session
Funded Only TERM TIME ONLY	Single or Multiple Sessions 9am - 12noon or 3pm-6pm	3	0	0.00	0.00	£ -

SECTION 4 – FULLY FUNDED FREE OF CHARGE HOURS WITH ADDITIONAL ENHANCED CREATE YOUR OWN HOURS

Parents can choose to use **funded hours** and add **extra paid hours (create your own)** to extend their day. You'll be billed separately for **funded (free)** and **paid for hours**, plus any **term-time surcharge** if applicable.

You will also be asked to make the Voluntary Consumables and Food contribution as listed above.

Extra hours are not part of the Funded only session, so parents can use more funded hours if they wish.

Non-funded hours are charged at our create your rate and can qualify for additional **WEEKLY DISCOUNTS** as shown below.

WEEKLY VOLUME DISCOUNTS

FULL WEEK ADDITIONAL DISCOUNTS			Additional DISCOUNT PER DAY (Already shown in tables in the "Cost of Additional Hours AFTER DISCOUNTS")		
Session Type	Contract	Hours Brought Per Day	9m	2 YO	3&4 YO
Full Day	All Year	7	£6	£8	£8
Full Day	All Year	4			£8
Full Day	Term Time	7	£6	£6	£8
Full Day	Term Time	4			£8
Short Day	All Year	5	£7	£6	£5
Short Day	Term Time	5	£7	£6	£5
Short Day	All Year	2			£2
Short Day	Term Time	2			£2

To make it easier for you, we've provided tables showing the final costs for our 2 most popular sessions EXCLUDING the voluntary Food and consumable charge. Please note each Session has a maximum number of funded hours that will be accepted as shown.

9 Month Olds

Session	Session	Funded Hours	Additional Paid For Hours	Cost of Additional Hours AFTER DISCOUNTS	Term Time Surcharge	Amount Payable per Session		
FULL DAY	ALL YEAR ROUND Single or Multiple Sessions 8.00 am - 6pm	3	7	£67.76	N/A	£ 67.76		
		6	4	£44.40	N/A	£ 44.40		
		7.5	2.5	£27.75	N/A	£ 27.75		
		9	1	£14.00	N/A	£ 14.00		
	Full Week (5 Days, PER DAY)	3	7	£61.76	N/A	£ 61.76		
		6	2	£26.00	N/A	£ 26.00		
	TERM TIME ONLY Single or Multiple Sessions 8.00 am - 6pm	3	7	£67.76	£ 6.60	£ 74.36		
		6	4	£44.40	£ 6.60	£ 51.00		
		7.5	2.5	£27.75	£ 6.60	£ 34.35		
		9	1	£14.00	£ 6.60	£ 20.60		
		Full Week (5 Days, PER DAY)	3	7	£61.76	£ 6.60	£ 68.36	
			6	2	£26.00	£ 6.60	£ 32.60	
		Short Day	ALL YEAR ROUND 8.00 am - 4pm	3	5	£55.00	N/A	£ 55.00
				6	2	£26.00	N/A	£ 26.00
Full Week (5 Days, PER DAY)	3		5	£48.00	N/A	£ 48.00		
	6		2	£26.00	N/A	£ 26.00		
TERM TIME ONLY 8.00 am - 4pm	3		5	£55.00	£ 6.60	£ 61.60		
	6		2	£26.00	£ 6.60	£ 32.60		
	Full Week (5 Days, PER DAY)		3	5	£48.00	£ 6.60	£ 54.60	
			6	2	£26.00	£ 6.60	£ 32.60	
Funded Only TERM TIME ONLY	Single or Multiple Sessions 9am - 12noon or 3pm-6pm		3	0	0.00	0.00	£ -	

2 to 3 Year Olds

Session	Session	Funded Hours	Additional Paid For Hours	Cost of Additional Hours AFTER DISCOUNTS	Term Time Surcharge	Amount Payable per Session	
FULL DAY	ALL YEAR ROUND	3	7	£67.48	N/A	£ 67.48	
	Single or Multiple Sessions 8.00 am - 6pm	6	4	£43.80	N/A	£ 43.80	
		7.5	2.5	£27.75	N/A	£ 27.75	
		9	1	£14.35	N/A	£ 14.35	
	Full Week (5 Days, PER DAY)	3	7	£59.48	N/A	£ 59.48	
		7.5	2.5	£27.75	N/A	£ 27.75	
	TERM TIME ONLY	ALL YEAR ROUND	3	7	£67.48	£ 6.60	£ 74.08
		Single or Multiple Sessions 8.00 am - 6pm	6	4	£43.80	£ 6.60	£ 50.40
			7.5	2.5	£27.75	£ 6.60	£ 34.35
			9	1	£14.35	£ 6.60	£ 20.95
		Full Week (5 Days, PER DAY)	3	7	£61.48	£ 6.60	£ 68.08
7.5			2.5	£27.75	£ 6.60	£ 34.35	
Short Day	ALL YEAR ROUND	3	5	£54.75	N/A	£ 54.75	
	8.00 am - 4pm	6	2	£28.00	N/A	£ 28.00	
	Full Week (5 Days, PER DAY)	3	5	£48.75	N/A	£ 48.75	
		6	2	£28.00	N/A	£ 28.00	
	TERM TIME ONLY	ALL YEAR ROUND	3	5	£54.75	£ 6.60	£ 61.35
		8.00 am - 4pm	6	2	£28.00	£ 6.60	£ 34.60
Full Week (5 Days, PER DAY)		3	5	£48.75	£ 6.60	£ 55.35	
	6	2	£28.00	£ 6.60	£ 34.60		
Funded Only	Single or Multiple Sessions	3	0	0.00	0.00	£ -	
TERM TIME ONLY	9am - 12noon or 3pm-6pm						

3 plus Years old

Session	Session	Funded Hours	Additional Paid For Hours	Cost of Additional Hours AFTER DISCOUNTS	Term Time Surcharge	Amount Payable per Session	
FULL DAY	ALL YEAR ROUND Single or Multiple Sessions 8.00 am - 6pm	3	7	£ 75.46	N/A	£ 75.46	
		5	5	£ 61.75	N/A	£ 61.75	
		6	4	£ 57.60	N/A	£ 57.60	
		7.5	2.5	£ 48.90	N/A	£ 48.90	
		9	1	£ 39.85	N/A	£ 39.85	
	Full Week (5 Days, PER DAY)	3	7	£ 67.46	N/A	£ 67.46	
		6	4	£ 49.60	N/A	£ 49.60	
	TERM TIME ONLY Single or Multiple Sessions 8.00 am - 6pm	Single or Multiple Sessions 8.00 am - 6pm	3	7	£ 75.46	£ 6.60	£ 82.06
			5	5	£ 61.75	£ 6.60	£ 68.35
			6	4	£ 57.60	£ 6.60	£ 64.20
			7.5	2.5	£ 48.90	£ 6.60	£ 55.50
			9	1	£ 39.85	£ 6.60	£ 46.45
		Full Week (5 Days, PER DAY)	3	7	£ 67.46	£ 6.60	£ 74.06
			6	4	£ 49.60	£ 6.60	£ 56.20
Short Day		ALL YEAR ROUND Single or Multiple Sessions 8.00 am - 4pm	3	5	£ 61.75	N/A	£ 61.75
	5		3	£ 47.97	N/A	£ 47.97	
	6		2	£ 40.82	N/A	£ 40.82	
	Full Week (5 Days, PER DAY)	3	5	£ 56.75	N/A	£ 56.75	
		6	2	£ 38.82	N/A	£ 38.82	
	TERM TIME ONLY Single or Multiple Sessions 8.00 am - 4pm	Single or Multiple Sessions 8.00 am - 4pm	3	5	£ 61.75	£ 6.60	£ 68.35
			5	3	£ 47.97	£ 6.60	£ 54.57
			6	2	£ 40.82	£ 6.60	£ 47.42
		Full Week (5 Days, PER DAY)	3	5	£ 56.75	£ 6.60	£ 63.35
			6	2	£ 38.82	£ 6.60	£ 45.42
Funded Only TERM TIME ONLY	Single or Multiple Sessions 9am - 12noon or 3pm-6pm	3	0	0.00	0.00	£ -	