



Fees and Funding Information

Here at Wild at Heart, we try to keep the fees simple, which is why we have adopted the “all-inclusive approach”. We appreciate that parents and carers are very busy and consequently if your child attends Wild at Heart, there's no need to remember to pack meals, drinks or nappies, as we provide pretty much everything your child will need at the nursery. We understand babies use a lot of nappies, but the pre-schoolers use many more consumable resources (e.g. art and craft materials) so the prices are the same no matter what age your child is. Why complicate things?

Our fees are calculated to give you a fixed monthly sum to pay at the start of each month. We calculate your weekly fee and multiply by 50 weeks then divide by 12 months. This consistent amount makes it easier for your budgeting and nursery administration.

The reason we multiply the weekly amount by 50 and not 52 is that we are closed for bank holidays and between Christmas and New Year, so you don't pay for these closures. A child's absence, however, due to sickness and/or holidays is still chargeable, as staff and resources are already in place.

Our prices are as follows:

Sessions:	Early Care*	Half Day (AM)	Full Day	Half Day (PM)
Timings:	7.30 – 8am	8am – 1pm	8am – 6pm	1 – 6pm
Price:	£3*	£30	£50	£30
Food included:	Cereals and fruit	Morning snack and home cooked lunch.	Morning snack, home cooked lunch, afternoon snack, home-made tea.	Afternoon snack, home-made tea.

*These sessions must be booked in advance so appropriate staffing can be arranged.

We will provide a range of free from foods for any intolerances or allergies. We also provide leading brand formula milk, blending of fresh foods or weaning for our younger globetrotters.

Included in all these sessions are:

- ⌘ High quality nappies and wipes;
- ⌘ Nappy creams and lotions;
- ⌘ Child friendly sun cream;
- ⌘ Fully qualified early years staff, including qualified teachers;
- ⌘ A brand new, purposefully renovated building;
- ⌘ Space per child above and beyond Ofsted recommendations;
- ⌘ High quality furniture and resources;
- ⌘ Designated lunchroom with open plan kitchen;
- ⌘ On site laundrette (we welcome mess!);
- ⌘ Huge, secure outdoor area;

- ⌘ All outdoor activities, including private forest school site;
- ⌘ Private grassland, farmland, pet chickens, wildflower area, vegetable plot and woodland;
- ⌘ All indoor activities e.g. baking, crafting, visitors, yoga, science and music;
- ⌘ Access to our online software 'Family' for you to see immediate observations and records of your child day (see separate information)

Emergency Sessions

Should you require extra days/sessions for your child at short notice, perhaps due to illness, bereavement or work commitments, we will make every effort to accommodate your request if there is an available place in your child's age group. These emergency sessions are charged at the normal nursery rate.

Funding

Our core offer of high-quality education, child development and childcare services is identical regardless of how a parent chooses to access their child's funded hours at Wild at Heart Day Nursery. We accept applications for both 15 hours and 30-hours Government funded places.

What is the Early Years Funding Entitlement (EYFE) Scheme?

All 3 and 4 year olds and some eligible 2 year olds are, from the term after their second (if eligible) or third (universal) birthdays, entitled to free early years provision up to 15 hours a week for 38 weeks per year (term-time only).

Some 3 and 4 year olds whose parents are working are entitled to an additional 15 hours per week totalling 30 hours term-time or 1140 stretched across the year, this is called the 'Extended' or '30 hours' Entitlement and became statutory under the Childcare Act 2016.

Here at Wild at Heart, we can provide EYFE funding as a stretched offer over the year as follows:

Universal entitlement (3&4 year olds) – not means tested; maximum 11.4 funded hours per week for 50 weeks per year = 570 hours.

Subject to eligibility (3&4 year olds, the 30 hours offer) – a further 11.4 hours per week making a maximum of 22.8 funded hours per week for 50 weeks per year = 1140 hours.

Please note an eligibility code is required for the additional hours which must be applied for termly in advance prior to the start of term.

These funded hours may be enough to cover your childcare needs, if not, you can book additional hours at the standard costs listed above.

Further Information

If you are unsure of what help is available towards your childcare, please check out any of the following:

- ⌘ www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs
- ⌘ www.fishwebsearch.eastriding.gov.uk/fishwebsearch
- ⌘ www.childcarechoices.gov.uk
- ⌘ www.moneysavingexpert.com/family/childcare-costs
- ⌘ www.hmrc.gov.uk/childcare
- ⌘ Tax Credit Helpline on 0845 300 3900 or visit www.taxcredits.inlandrevenue.gov.uk

2 year old funding

Children aged two may also be entitled to the 15 hours free childcare under certain circumstances. For example, if parents receive support, such as income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, if the children are looked after by the council or have a current certificate of special education needs. We accept 2-year-old funded applications upon receipt of a valid voucher from the Local Authority. 2-year-old funding does not incur an additional consumables charge, however, please note that as the funding covers 38 weeks of the year, if you attend 15 hours per week, the remaining 12 weeks of the year will be chargeable. We would split the 12-week charge into 12 equal monthly payments, spread across the year. It is important to highlight that your fees will increase once your child turns 3 and moves onto 3 & 4-year-old Government Funding. We do, however, offer any families that received 2 Year funding a 50% discount against the additional consumables charge for 3 and 4-year-old funding.

General Terms and Conditions for EYFE Bookings

EYFE funding does not include any extras and because the nursery provides an "all-inclusive offer" such as meals, drinks, toiletries and unique experiences. Therefore, there is a small additional charge of £6 per 5 hours, to cover the cost of these.

Wherever possible we will try to accommodate the full entitlement of 11.4/22.8 hours per week or 570/1140 hours per year. If our availability does not permit this, then we will offer a place to the maximum we have at the time of booking.

Where the number of hours booked exceeds the funded entitlement, we will provide you with up to 47.5 /95 hours of funded entitlement per month, which will be arranged in accordance with the overall booking requirement. So, if your booking equates to 125 hours per month, and assuming you are eligible for the extended EYFE, 95 hours per month will be at the reduced charge.

There is a 4-week notice period for termination of the booking or any changes to the booking.

Fees are to be paid monthly in advance; an invoice will be sent to you for the upcoming months childcare. This is to be paid no later than the 1st of the month and is the same as any parents not claiming EYFE.

If you only use your allowance of funded hours, your invoice will deduct this which cover the care of the child. There will be still be a small additional for our all-inclusive consumables, such as food, drink and activities.

Any questions or concerns about funding and the additional charges for consumables should be discussed with the manager of Wild at Heart so a solution can be sorted.

For additional hours which exceed your EYFE, invoices will show the small additional charge for consumables, as well as non EYFE hours which are charged in line with the nursery fees listed above.

Whilst the free entitlement is structured for 38 weeks of the year, 15 hours per week, the nursery cannot accept a booking if it is required for term time only. Our booking period is for 50 weeks of the year (we are closed bank holidays and between Christmas and New Year).

Existing children in the nursery who become eligible for the free entitlement are subject to the same EYFE admission criteria as new children joining the nursery.