

Fees, Funding and Additional Charges

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, bottles 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 certainly eat more and 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?

Standard 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 the week in between Christmas and New Year, bank holidays and 3 training days per year so you don't pay for two weeks a year to make up 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 standard full fee prices from May 2025 are as follows:

Sessions:	Early Care*	Full Day	School Day
Timings:	7.30 – 8am	8am – 6pm	8.30 – 4pm
Price:	£3.50*	£70.95	£58.05
Food included:	Cereals or toast	Morning snack, home cooked lunch, afternoon snack, home-made tea.	Morning snack, home cooked lunch, afternoon snack

*These sessions must be discussed 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 Cow and Gate 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;
- ⦿ Purposefully renovated buildings;
- ⦿ 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, professional renovated outdoor areas;
- ⦿ All outdoor activities, including private forest school site;
- ⦿ Private grassland, farmland, pets, wildflower area, vegetable plot and woodland;
- ⦿ All indoor activities e.g. baking, crafting, visitors, yoga, science and music;
- ⦿ Access to our online software ‘Famly’ 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.

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

9 month, 2 year and 3 year Government Funding

Over the last couple of years, the government extended their offer of funded childcare (previously just for 3 and 4 year olds). Parents, the term after their child turns 9 months old, can now claim 30 hours of funding a week if they meet the necessary criteria. This remains the same for the term after their 2nd birthday. Eligible parents of government funding will receive significantly reduced invoices compared to full fees.

Please note, an eligibility code is required for 30 hours of funded childcare and must be applied for termly, in advance prior to the start of term and it is your responsibility to organise this.

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.

As written in the East Ridings Provider Agreement "Government funding is intended to cover the cost to deliver 15 or 30 hours a week of funded, high quality, flexible childcare. It is not intended to cover the cost of meals, consumables, additional hours or additional services." Wild at Heart therefore asks for a small "additional charge" of £1 per funded hour to cover **all** the cost of our all-inclusive service. This charge covers the cost of all food, drink, snacks, suncream, personal hygiene, indoors and outdoors activities and is fully explained in our "Additional Charges" policy. A ten hour day essentially costs just £10, a school day £7.50

As requested by the government for clarity, we've broken down the overall £10 per full day or £7.50 per school day consumables cost into three subcategories:

1. Enrichment Activity Charges
2. Food Charges
3. Non-Food Consumables Charges

Please see a price overview in the table below:

	Funded FULL day	Funded SCHOOL day	No Funding Full or School Day
Care	£0	£0	£60.95 or £50.55
Enrichment Activities	£4.50	£3.50	£4.50 or £3.50
Food and Drink	£3	£2	£3 or £2
Other consumables	£2.50	£2	£2.50 or £2
Total	£10	£7.50	£70.95 or £58.05

Funding is only provided for 38 weeks of the year when Wild at Heart charges for 50. There are therefore 12 weeks of childcare each year that needs to be paid for at standard rates. To keep it simple, parents are invoiced one week of standard fees each month so the cost of the 12 non-funded weeks are spread across 12 months of the year, for financial consistency. On our system your child will have 2 booking plans; a term time plan with funding applied (this is applicable for 38 weeks of the year) and then a holiday plan where full fees are charged for 12 weeks of the year. Both plans are added together (making 50) and divided by 12 consistent monthly payments.

Any sessions outside of 15 / 30 hours of funding are charged for at standard rates as listed on page one. Parents can pay us via a Tax Free Childcare account, even with funding, meaning you save a further 20% and only pay 80% of the invoice amount. Monthly invoices will be calculated as follows:

	Monthly fees when using up to 30 hours of funding, plus the additional charge and all year round care.				Same but paying via a tax-free childcare account (therefore saving a further 20%)			
	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS	5 DAYS	2 DAYS	3 DAYS	4 DAYS	5 DAYS
Full 8am – 6pm	£205.25	£307.87	£603.50	£899.13	£164.20	£246.30	£482.80	£719.30
School 8.30 – 4pm	£163.61	£245.41	£327.22	£569.10	£130.89	£196.33	£261.78	£455.28

Funding for Disadvantaged 2-year-olds

Children aged two may be entitled to the 15 hours of disadvantaged funding 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 disadvantaged 2-year-old funding 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 above, 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 as a consumables fee will apply.

General Terms and Conditions for Early Years Funded Entitlement Bookings

Wherever possible we will try to accommodate the full entitlement of 15 / 30 hours per week. If our availability does not permit this, then we will offer a place to the maximum we have at the time of booking.

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 covers the care of the child. There will still be a small additional charge for our all-inclusive consumables, such as food, drink, suncream, nappies 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 further explanation can be given and 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.

Wild at Heart will offer a limited amount of term time only spaces according to criteria outlined in our admissions policy. These places will not incur a charge each month for the 12 weeks not covered by funding, but the consumables charge for 38 weeks of the year will still apply.

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