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Charging and Remissions Policy

1. Admissions

There is no charge for admissions where children are eligible for the free entitlement. Admissions and hours above the free entitlement are chargeable at a rate set by our Governing Body.

Where children are not eligible for free entitlement, then admissions fees will be charged. Please see Appendix A for list of relevant charges that will apply. If the fees have been paid but due to exceptional circumstances the nursery is unable to open, we may ask parents to consider donating the fees paid. If parents do not wish to donate the fees, a refund for those sessions will be made in full.

Please refer to our admissions policy for more information with regards to place allocations.

2. Fees

Our rates are based on the academic year and are term time only in line with West Berkshire School year dates. We invoice termly/half termly and expect the fees to be paid in advance of the period or when the Invoice has been received (once the term has started).

The term time only rate is based on 38 weeks in 3 terms.

Opportunities:

In line with the government policies, we provide:

- 15 hours of free nursery education for children the term after their 3rd birthday. 5 Sessions plus an allocated club depending on your pattern allocated.
- 15 hours of free nursery education for eligible 2 year olds. To check whether your child is eligible please visit <https://info.westberks.gov.uk/freechildcare2>. Either 5 mornings and a breakfast club or 5 afternoons and a tea club.
- 30 hours of free nursery education for eligible 3 year olds. To check whether your child is eligible visit <https://childcarechoices.gov.uk>. Often referred to as universal hours (15 hrs.) plus extended hours (15hrs). Monday to Thursday Inc. Lunch Club plus Friday mornings and either an allocated Breakfast club/Tea Club.
- Funding may be shared with another setting but we do require at least 15 hours universal either across 5 mornings or 5 afternoons (and has to be at least 5 sessions).

Nursery education is a free government funded entitlement and is paid directly to the school via the local authority funding system when a child begins nursery. Any changes during a term (without notice) may incur additional charges in accordance with Appendix A.

We accept childcare vouchers from all vouchers Inc. payments from HMRC tax free childcare savings scheme.

Additional sessions or clubs can be provided to funded children above their entitlement in accordance with Appendix A (if there are spaces left to allocate).

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3. Terms

- All invoices are to be paid by bank transfer to our bank using the child's name and invoice number.
[Account number: 16293959, Sort Code: 60-15-07](#)
- Whole sessions must be paid for even if your child does not attend for the whole time.
- Payment for extra or adhoc sessions/clubs must be made before session/club is taken.
- No refund/reduction is due for sessions/clubs not used due to holidays or sickness.
- Places are non-transferable.
- Sessions/Clubs not included in the funded hours must be paid for.
- Please speak to the Finance & HR Assistant if you are unable to pay your invoice all up front in advance.
- A place is allocated for the entire term (Autumn, Spring or Summer).
- A 50% discount to the session fee will be applied for 2 year olds for 2 weeks to allow for settling in.
- In the event that you are offered a 30 hour place for 3-5 year old and do not obtain/renew your 30 hours code then we will charge for the additional sessions beyond the 15 hours universal funding. Note it is the parent's responsibility to provide a valid authorisation code and NI number for parents so that we can claim for these hours.
- Parents requesting additional sessions/clubs or changing their pattern should fill in a 'Request for additional sessions/Clubs' form and hand to office staff. Additional sessions will start following payment of the invoice.
- Where a pupil is requesting a change in hours from 15hours up to 30 hours and where the pupil does not qualify for a 30 hours code, then an invoice will be issued after the Admissions panel by the Finance & HR Assistant for the following term and must be paid immediately to secure that place.
- If there is more demand than spaces, priority will be given according to the Admissions policy.
- If the invoice is not paid, a verbal/written reminder of the amount due will be issued within 14 days.
- In the case of parents/carers being more than 10 minutes late collecting their children from nursery sessions or lunch and tea clubs, the following will apply:
 - Staff will remind parents of pickup time.
 - Late pickups will be recorded in the class or club diary.
 - A charge of £10 will be made after first 10 mins late and additional £10 for every additional 10 mins late.

Anyone experiencing difficulties paying their invoice is encouraged to speak to the Head Teacher in confidence before a debt accrues.

4. Terminating your place

We require 6 weeks' notice to cancel an allocated place for your child in writing. All usual session within the notice period must be paid for whether they are attended or not.

5. **Information** - In line with the School's Freedom of Information policy, single copies of information will be provided free of charge unless specifically stated otherwise in the policy. The costs of providing greater quantities of information may be charged to the recipient; such costs will be advised prior to the request for information being completed. The decision to charge will be at the discretion of the Head teacher, except where the costs exceed the 'threshold' as defined in the freedom of Information Act, the charge will be determined in line with the formula prescribed in the Act.

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6. Voluntary Contributions

- Parents may be asked to make voluntary contributions for any activity, visit or journey organised by the School and approved by the Governors, where appropriate.
- Nothing in this policy alters or affects the position in relation to any voluntary contributions that are requested by the school in relation to trips in support of the curriculum. Pupils will not be excluded from trips if these voluntary contributions are not paid, however, if insufficient contributions are received trips may be cancelled.

7. Liability for Personal Property

The School does not accept liability for any items of personal property lost or damaged in School, although in exceptional circumstances, a contribution to the replacement of a lost or damaged item may be made at the absolute discretion of the Head Teacher

8. Loss and/or Damage

Where there is a loss or damage to any Nursery/Family Wellbeing Hub items taken home, a charge will be made towards replacement of the item(s).

9. Remissions

The Governing Body / Head Teacher may wish to remit, in full or in part, any charge made to parents. Authorisation of remission will be made by the Head Teacher, in consultation with the Chair of Governors as necessary.

10. Family Hub Charges

The Family Hub offers a range of different services and charges for these range can be obtained directly from the Family Hub per session.

Criteria for Exemptions - Subsidised or free places may be available to families who are resident within the West Berkshire Family Hub reach area if they meet the following criteria:

- Family where a Child Protection/Child in Need Plan is in place.
- Families identified by partner or professional agency as having a financial barrier to accessing services.
- Family identified as in need by Family Hub staff.

The waiver of charges is at the discretion of Family Hub Staff and the Head Teacher on an individual basis.

11. Room Hire charges

Please see the Lettings Policy.

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Appendix A:

Details of Charges as of April 2024:

Morning Session 8.50am – 11.40am Afternoon Session 12.40pm – 3.30pm	Charge £
Self – Funded 2 Year Old	£30.00
3 – 5 Year Old	£22.00

Clubs	Charge £
Breakfast Club 8am – 8.50am	£8.00
Lunch Club 11.40am – 12.30pm	£8.00
Tea Club 3.40pm - 4.30pm	£8.00

Non-Refundable Admissions Fee*	Charge £
Self – Funded 2 Year Old	£100.00

*One off payment to reserve a place once a place has been confirmed/allocated to you.

Details of Charges as of April 2025:

Morning Session 8.50am – 11.40am Afternoon Session 12.40pm – 3.30pm	Charge £
Self – Funded 2 Year Old	£32.50
3 – 5 Year Old	£24.00

Clubs	Charge £
Breakfast Club 8am – 8.50am	£9.00
Lunch Club 11.40am – 12.30pm	£9.00
Tea Club 3.40pm - 4.30pm	£9.00

Non-Refundable Admissions Fee*	Charge £
Self – Funded 2 Year Old	£150.00

*One off payment to reserve a place once a place has been confirmed/allocated to you.

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Charging and Remissions Policy - Parent/Carer Agreement

Name of child	
Class group	
Name of parent/carers	

I confirm that I have read and understood the terms and conditions of the Charging and Victoria Park Nursery School & Family Hub Remissions Policy and I agree to be bound by its terms and conditions.

Parent/Carer signature	
Name	
Date	

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Policy Review Record

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16.01.25	Changed Appendix 1 rates wef 01.04.25	esigned David Cooper Chair of Governors
12.6.25 FHRC	Date updates and info item 2 Fees	esigned David Cooper Chair of Governors