

## Noah's Ark Pre-school Fee Schedule

Parents/carers are the first and most important educators of their children. The work at our Pre-school cannot be fully effective without the support of each child's Parent/carer. The following information is to enable us to provide and maintain the highest standards of care, and to ensure there is clarity about the contractual relationship between parents and the Pre-school.

### 3 & 4 Year Funding

From the term after your child's third Birthday, they will be entitled to funding from the government for up to 15 hours per week.

### 2 Year Funding

Children, subject to a certain criteria, may be able to access funding for two years olds

- If you are receiving Financial Government support
- If you are both working parents

To find out if you qualify you should check the following website

[www.beststartinlife.gov.uk](http://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk)

#### ***Please note –***

1. Funded hours can be used at Noah's ark between the hours of 8.45 am – 2.45 pm.
2. There is a charge of £4.75 if you would like your child to stay until the end of the pre-school day (2.45pm - 3.15 pm).
3. Changes to funded hours can only be made at the beginning of each term (not mid-term)

### Fees

For a morning session 8.45 am – 11.45 am or afternoon session 12.15pm – 3.15 pm

- Unfunded Children: £28.50 per (3 hours)
- Fee/Working Families Entitlement Children: £0.00 per (3 hours)

For a full day 8.45 am – 3.15 pm

- Unfunded Children: £61.75 (2 sessions @ £28.75 plus £4.75 for lunch club)
- Fee/Working Families Entitlement Children: £0.00 per 6 hours.

- Fee's will be invoiced half termly in advance.
- One half term's written notice (six weeks) is required if you no longer require the place, if you wish to withdraw your child or make changes to your child's session days. Until that notice has expired, fees are payable.
- Fees will not be refunded or waived for absence through sickness or any other reason. This rule is necessary so that the Pre-school can properly budget for its own outgoings which continue whether or not all children are present and to ensure that the cost of individual default does not fall on other parents.

### **30 Hours Funding**

We do offer 30hours funding for 3 & 4 Year olds for their last year with us before they start school. Everyone else can be offered up to 24 hours depending on age and availability.

**Please be aware that children accessing funding on a Monday may not always receive their full entitlement due to the amount of Bank holidays that fall on a Monday**

### **Parent Voluntary Contributions**

The hourly grant funded rate we receive from Essex County Council is to cover the running cost of the pre-school and delivering the EYFS. At Noah's Ark we go above and beyond this by offering our children lots of different opportunities to what is expected of us.

We therefore ask parents on FEE3&4 and Working Families Entitlement for a voluntary contribution of £3.00 per funded session to enable us to enrich your child's time in our care.

The charge is broken down into a cost per session but is used to cover all resources used by your child during the year.

Here is some examples of the thing's items covered by your contributions –

Yoga session

Phonics session

Science experiments

Oats/rice/pasta/flour/food colouring for messy play

Trip to Lake Meadows/ ice cream

Musical activities/music licence

Cooking activities

Themed crafting materials for special events & celebrations throughout the year

Mothers/Father's Day tea party

Mud/stones/bark/sand for outside messy play/mud kitchen

Plants/seeds & Soil

Caterpillars/butterflies

Transition to school resources

This is not an exhaustive list but a sample of what we use your contribution for.

Our committee fundraise throughout the year for larger items/play equipment.

- **Snack Charge**

Parents will be invoiced £1.00 per session to cover the cost of a healthy snack for the children.

***We do understand that some families may be experiencing financial difficulty or be unwilling to contribute. If this is the case, we ask you inform us of what you can afford to contribute if anything, if not we can discuss other options further.***

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