

# Nursery Charging Policy

Fairstead Community Primary & Nursery School



<b>Approved by:</b>	Governing Body	<b>Date:</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2025
<b>Next review due by:</b>	See Policy Log	

## Introduction

Government funding is intended to cover the cost of delivering 15 or 30 hours a week of free, high quality, flexible childcare only. It is not intended to cover the cost of meals, consumables, additional hours or additional services.

The free entitlements will be delivered consistently so that all children accessing any of the free entitlements will receive the same quality and access to provision, regardless of whether they opt to pay for additional optional hours. The entitlement is offered free. Parents will not be charged a “top-up” fee to recoup the difference between the amount received from the Local Authority and the current hourly rate.

Additional hours and services, in exceptional circumstances, if agreed in advance with the EYFS Lead, a rate of £15 per session will be charged. This is where hours are not funded as Early Education by the Local Authority.

It is not the school’s policy to charge for curriculum enrichment activities but voluntary contributions may be requested.

There is no charge for the following –

- Cost of Snacks (Fruit and milk provided)
- Consumables

The following charges apply when taking a free entitlement

- Loss of, damage to, or breakage of school property e.g. books, windows, other equipment and so on, will be charged for if caused by negligence or a deliberate act at the discretion of the Headteacher.

## Session times are:

8:45am – 11:45am for morning Nursery.

12:15pm – 3:15pm for afternoon Nursery.

8:45am – 3:15pm for full days

## Extra Sessions

We do not offer extra sessions, over and above the 15 hours of free childcare unless agreed by the EYFS Lead in exceptional circumstances.

The following additional charges are **not** applied

- Deposits
- Retainer fee
- Registration fee
- Late payments
- Meals & snacks
- Consumables

## Payment

- Parents will be invoiced for extra sessions if agreed in advance.
- Fees must be paid for in advance
- Payment must be made by Parentmail. Fees must still be paid if your child is sick or on holiday.
- Outstanding unpaid fees will lead to the place being withdrawn and forwarded to Norfolk County Council's Legal department for recovery.
- Parents will only be invoiced for those sessions not covered by the free nursery entitlement

No fees will be payable for school holidays, early closure, teacher training days or bank holidays.

Should the school be closed for reasons beyond our control, you will not be charged for the sessions affected.