

## How Nursery fees are calculated



The Nursery Education Grant (government funding, known as NEG) is awarded annually to parents of 3- & 4-year-old children. Each child receives 15 hours of funded Nursery Childcare. Eligible parents receive an additional 15-hours of Government Funded Nursery Childcare. (eligibility applies) up to a maximum of 30 hours per week.

Schools can make a charge for additional 'general extras' that are not covered by the Government Funding, such as consumable resources, trips, meals and snacks.

We calculate entitlement on a half-termly basis to coincide with notice periods set out in our terms and conditions to give parents the flexibility of being able to change sessions should their own circumstances change.

The spread of days within each half-term can result in a charge for some pupils in some half terms, when over a larger period there would be no charge. Including:

- Those who change their attendance pattern, by increasing or decreasing hours of Nursery care required.
- Those who take exactly 15 or 30 hours and whose sessions do not match days Nursery is open in 'part-weeks'

To rectify this a 'balance figure' has been included in our half-termly fee calculations. The 'balance figure' is calculated, to spread chargeable hours more evenly between half terms based on the following rules:

1. Only core hours (8am-1pm and 1pm-6pm) are considered.
2. If the NEG allocation changes, for example from 15 to 30 hours, the balance figure is calculated separately for each funding allocation (half-term) and the total is calculated. NEG hours and balancing figure cannot be moved between each half-term.
3. A balance figure is applied to a funding allocation (half-term) if the hours taken in Nursery are less than the allocated NEG hours in one or more half terms.
4. There is a limit to the number of hours that can be balanced per year.
5. The balance hours calculated will appear in a new column on the details sheet.