



Date Palm Nursery

Funding, Fees & Parent Contributions

How Parents Can Use Their Early Years Funding Entitlement

Date Palm Nursery is a term-time only setting. This means parents can only use their government-funded early years entitlement (e.g., 15 or 30 hours) during term time. We do not offer stretched funding over 52 weeks.

Session Times

- Morning Session (AM): 9:00am – 12:00pm (3 hours)
- Afternoon Session (PM): 12:30pm – 3:30pm (3 hours)
- Full Day: 9:00am – 3:00pm (6 hours)

Use of Funded Hours

Parents may use their funded hours for a morning session, afternoon session, or full day session (subject to available funded hours). Where a child attends more than their funded entitlement, additional hours will be charged at £7.50 per hour.

Nursery Fees and Charges (Funded Places)

Item	Amount	Compulsory/Voluntary	Opt-out / Alternative
Registration deposit	£50 (fully refundable)	Voluntary (funded places)	Parents may opt out
Extra hours	£7.50/hr	Compulsory if used	Optional usage
Session (3 hrs)	£22.50	Compulsory if unfunded	Parental choice
Full day (6 hrs)	£45	Compulsory if unfunded	Parental choice
Snacks	£20/term	Voluntary	Bring own snack
Late fee	£10	Compulsory if late	Collect on time
Trips	Varies	Voluntary	Optional attendance

Private (Non-Funded) Fees

In addition to government-funded places, Date Palm Nursery offers private paid places for children of any age who are not accessing funded entitlement, or who wish to attend beyond their funded hours. Private places are charged at an hourly rate and are available term time only, in line with our funding model set out above.

Private Hourly Rate

£9.50 per hour, term time only.

This rate applies to all attendance by privately paying parents/carers who are not using government-funded hours, regardless of the child's age (2, 3 or 4 years old). It does not apply during school holidays, as Date Palm Nursery does not offer holiday or stretched provision.

Private Session & Day Rates

Item	Amount	Compulsory/Voluntary	Opt-out / Alternative
Morning session (3 hrs)	£28.50	Compulsory (private place)	Parental choice of session
Afternoon session (3 hrs)	£28.50	Compulsory (private place)	Parental choice of session
Full day (6 hrs)	£57.00	Compulsory (private place)	Parental choice of session
Registration deposit	£50 (fully refundable)	Compulsory (private place)	Refunded on leaving, subject to notice period
Snacks	£20/term	Voluntary	Bring own snack
Late fee	£10 (after 15 mins)	Compulsory if late	Collect on time
Trips	Varies	Voluntary	Optional attendance

Payment Terms for Private Places

- Fees are invoiced in advance, monthly, and are due within 14 days of invoice.
- A minimum of one full term's notice (or the notice period stated in the parent contract) is required to change or end a private place.
- Fees remain payable during any period of absence, including sickness, unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- Fee rates are reviewed annually and parents will be given at least 4 weeks' written notice of any change.

Important

No child will be denied care or treated unfairly for accessing funded hours, opting out of voluntary charges, or attending on a private, fee-paying basis. All fees and charges above are set out in accordance with the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework and Department for Education guidance on charging for early years provision.

Parent Supplied Items

Nappies, sun cream, packed lunch, PE kit, wellies, gloves, hat, and spare clothes.



Nursery Provides

Wipes, milk, and emergency supplies including nappies, cream, and clothing.

Summary

- Funding can be used across AM, PM or full day sessions.
- Extra hours for funded places are charged at £7.50/hour.
- Private places (any age) are charged at £9.50/hour, term time only.
- No mandatory deposit for funded places; a £50 refundable deposit applies to private places.
- Snack fee is voluntary. Trips optional. Late fees apply after 15 minutes.

This document is provided for information purposes and forms part of the nursery's parent contract. It does not constitute independent legal advice; parents and the nursery are encouraged to seek professional advice on any contractual matters.