



NORTHBOURNE PARK SCHOOL

INFORMATION FOR NURSERY PARENTS

Free Early Education for 3- & 4-Year Olds and 2-Year-Olds Working Parent Entitlement 2024/25

Who is eligible?

All 3- & 4-year-olds attending the Nursery Class are entitled to 15 hours of free early education per week, starting from the term after their third birthday. Those eligible can claim an additional 15 hours or 30 hours in total. Working parents can claim funding for 2-year-olds.

What are the free early education sessions?

15 Hours

Three hours over 5 Days
10.00am – 1.00pm

30 Hours

Six hours over 5 Days
10.00am – 4.00pm

Any additional sessions are charged according to the school fee schedule. Your invoice will clearly show your child's free early education hours alongside fees for any additional hours.

What is included?

Snacks and drinks are included for all children.

Extra charges

A cooked lunch served at 12.30pm	£2.50
Fees per session	
8.30am - 10.00am	£12.75
8.30am - 1.00pm	£38.25
8.30am – 4.00pm	£63.75
1.00pm – 4.00pm	£25.50

How do I claim for free hours?

You will be asked by the School to sign a 'parental declaration form' to make a free early education claim. The parental declaration must be updated by parents termly. The additional hours are the extended entitlement, and parents need to obtain a DERN www.childcarechoices.gov.uk. The DERN must be revalidated by parents via HMRC every 3 months.

How many weeks a year can I claim?

At Northbourne Park Nursery you can claim a total of 38 weeks a year for the academic year 2024/2025.

Can I claim at more than one setting?

Yes, but no more than two settings in a single day.

Will I need to pay a deposit or administration fee?

No administration fee or deposit is required to access a totally free place. This will be implemented if extra charges apply. A refundable deposit and non-refundable administration fee are required to secure a place in our Reception Class.

How can I find out more?

For further information please contact:

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