Essendene Lodge Nursery

Entitlement Statement (from 1 September 2025)

Statement of intent

We want to assure the parents and organisations we work with that we are committed to providing excellent value for money. Our financial processes whether for receiving or disbursing funds are designed to be transparent, fair, and easy to understand. We also ensure that all transactions are handled promptly and efficiently, so you can have complete confidence in how we manage resources.

Aim

We aim to be open, transparent, and competitively priced at all times. All financial transactions are handled professionally and promptly, with a focus on responsiveness and integrity.

Nursery Full Time Fees from September 2025 until further notice

Age	Full Week	4 Days	3 Days	5 AM / PM (Per Month) 8am -1pm 1pm - 6pm	One Session/Month 8am - 1pm 1pm - 6 pm
0-2 Years	£1,848.00	£1,488.00	£1,141.00	£960.00	£192.00
0-2 Years 30 hrs	£1,021.94	£652.34	£282.74	NA	NA
2-3 Years	£1,799.00	£1,439.00	£1,080.00	£899.00	£180.00
2-3 Years 30 hrs	£1,079.85	£703.05	£326.25	NA	NA
3-5 Years	£1,735.00	£1,387.00	£1,040.00	£867.00	£173.00
3-5 Years - 15 hrs	£1,517.18	£1,136.18	£755.18	NA	NA
3-5 Years - 30 hrs	£1,129.35	£748.35	£367.35	NA	NA

Nursery Term Time Fees from September 2025 until further notice

Age Group	School Day 8:30am - 3:15pm	Full day 8am till 6pm	5 mornings 8:30am - 12:30pm	5 afternoons 12:30 - 3:15pm	ONE AM Rate 8:30am - 12:30pm
2-3 Years	£3,435	£4,907	£2,601	£2,601	£520
2-3 Years 30 Hrs	£717	£2,190	NA	NA	NA
3-4 Years	£3,122	£4,395	£2,365	£2,365	£473
3-5 Years with 15 Hrs	£2,124	£3,462	£616	£616	NA
3-5 Years with 30 Hrs	£786	£2,124	NA	NA	NA

Early Years Funding Information

Fully Funded Places will not incur a Deposit or Reg fee, please speak to the Nursery Manager for further information

3-4 year-old Funding

The government provides Early Years Funding for children starting from the term after their 3rd birthday. This funding is designed to offer **15 or 30 hours per week** of **free, high-quality, flexible childcare during term time**. (Standard Offer - 15/30 hours term-time across 38 weeks, Stretched Offer - 11.18/22.35 hours across 51 weeks).

Please note that the funding **does not cover the cost of meals, consumables, or any additional hours** beyond the funded entitlement.

- **15 hours of funding** is available to all eligible 3–4-year-old children.

- To access the **additional 15 hours (totalling 30 hours)**, families must apply online to check eligibility. Generally, both parents must be working **at least 16 hours per week** and earn **below a certain income threshold**.

To access any funding entitlement, a **completed funding form** must be returned to the setting at the time of application or when the child becomes eligible.

3-year-old Funding	
A child Born in the period	**Will be eligible for a free place**
1st Apr - 31st Aug	1st Sept following child's 3rd birthday (Autumn Term)
1st Sept - 31st Dec	1st Jan following child's 3rd birthday (Autumn Term)
1st Jan - 31st Mar	1st Apr following child's 3rd birthday (Autumn Term)

For more information or help with the application process, please speak to the Nursery Manager.

2 years old Funding

We also accept **funding for eligible two-year-olds**. To qualify, families must meet certain eligibility criteria to apply online visit here.https://www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working/apply-for-free-childcare-if-youre-working   If eligible, you will receive an 11-digit eligibility code. You must confirm your code, national insurance number and child's date of birth so we can check that the code is valid.

These entitlements are offered **completely free**, and we **do not charge any "top-up" fees** to cover the difference between the government funding and our standard hourly rate. However, please note that **any additional hours beyond the funded entitlement**, as well as the cost of **meals, consumables, or extra activities**, will be charged separately.

Further information regarding funding can be found on https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/