

Hive Babies - 2026/2027 Fees

We are proud to provide high-quality care and education, with fees that are clear, fair, and designed to support both our families and the long-term future of our nursery. This enables us to continue offering the trusted, nurturing environment our community has valued for over 37 years.

We offer hours covered by the government funding schemes, as well as other incentives to support parents, such as tax-free childcare and employment benefit schemes from your workplace. For more information on ways to help with childcare costs visit:

<https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/>. Please refer to our funding policy (available on our website) for details on how we offer funded entitlement.

Note: Fee increases are usually initiated in September each year, usually in line with inflation and salary increases.

Securing Your Child's Place

We charge a £50 non-refundable registration fee to join our waiting list or enrol, along with a £500 deposit. The deposit is refundable against your final invoice, provided 3 months' written notice is provided (by the 1st of the month).

Fee Structure – invoiced monthly (x 12 months)

We are open: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8.00am – 6:00pm

49 weeks of the year - we close for 1 week at Easter, 1 week at Christmas, and all the bank holidays. Please see our closure dates on our website.

Monthly charges reflect the closure dates. Payments are paid by direct debit 1 month in advance. We are sorry, there are no refunds for any unattended sessions, such as illness, holidays, and bank holidays.

Days Per Week	Cost per Month
2 days	£1200
3 days	£1800
4 days	£2400

We offer to swap 2 days per year, for example, if you usually attend on a Monday and would like to attend on a Thursday. This is subject to availability.

Funding

We are pleased to offer the government-funded entitlement to eligible families, for more information on eligibility, please visit <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/> .

We spread the government-funded hours across our 49-week year, which means children on 30 funded hours will be able to claim 23 funded hours per week, which is 7 hours 45 mins per day over 3 days or 5 hours 49 mins over 4 days.

Funding calculations are per day; however, we average the yearly fees out and divide that equally over 12 payments to make nursery fees consistent. Please see below an example of what nursery fees would look like with funding applied.

Government funding is not intended to cover the cost of food and non-food consumables and specialist activities which go beyond the basic EYFS provision, which we pride ourselves in. We charge a small sessional fee on funded sessions to cover the cost of food and non-food consumables and specialist activities.

Monthly fees with 30 Hours Funded hours applied for 9 Months to 2 Years:

Days Per Week	Cost per Month
3 days	£451.95
4 days	£1051.75
Breakdown of Additional Charges Per Funded Day (included in the fees above)	
Parent-funded hours	£15 per hour
Non-food consumables	£3.22 / £1.65 per funded session

Monthly fees with 30 Hours Funded hours applied for 2 - 3 Years:

Days Per Week	Cost per Month
3 days	£879.90
4 days	£1470.90
Breakdown of Additional Charges Per Funded Day (included in the fees above)	
Parent-funded hours	£15 per hour
Non-food consumables	£3.14 / £1.17 per funded session
Food (Mostly organic meals, snacks & drinks)	£10 per funded day
Activities (All extra-curricular activities incl. Our Montessori studio, Mini-Beats music classes, Little Super Novas, Outings and Enhanced ratios - and so much more!)	£27.65 / £17.47 per funded session

Detailed invoices are provided, outlining free hours, parent-funded hours, non-food consumables, food and activities.

Parents have the right to opt out of the consumable and/or specialist activity charges on funded hours. Please see our funding policy (available on our website).

Terms and Conditions

Please read this thoroughly before committing to Woodentots.

1. A £500 deposit is required to secure your child's place at Woodentots. The deposit will be credited against your final invoice when your child leaves the nursery, provided the required notice period has been given.

If you decide not to take up your child's place and notify us **more than six weeks before** the agreed start date, the £500 deposit will be retained and is non-refundable.

If you decide not to take up your child's place and notify us **within six weeks of** the agreed start date, the £500 deposit will be retained and you will also remain liable for **three full months' nursery fees**.

2. Fees are payable one month in advance and are invoiced over 12 equal monthly instalments. An invoice will be issued each month for your records. Payment must be made by standing order, which should be set up to reach our account on the 30th of each month.
3. If you wish to withdraw your child from the nursery, you must give **three months' written notice**, to be received on or before the **1st day of the month** in which the notice period is to commence.
4. If you wish to reduce your child's attendance (for example, by decreasing the number of days they attend), **one month's written notice** must be given, to be received on or before the **1st day of the month** in which the notice period is to commence. This notice period is separate from and cannot be used in conjunction with a notice of withdrawal.
5. Parents/carers are responsible for cancelling their standing order once all outstanding fees have been paid and their final payment has been made.

6. We accept Tax-Free Childcare and Employment Voucher payments. If you are using one of these payment schemes, you must provide us with full details of the provider, the amount being paid, and ensure your child's name is included as the payment reference. Please note that we are unable to refund any overpayments made through these schemes.
7. 4. All clothing and belongings brought into nursery must be clearly labelled with your child's name. Woodentots cannot accept responsibility for the loss of unnamed clothing or personal items. Buggies and scooters are left on the premises at your own risk.
8. 5. In the event that outstanding fees need to be recovered due to non-payment or failure to provide the required notice period, Woodentots reserves the right to use a third-party debt recovery service and/or pursue recovery through the courts. Any costs incurred as a result will be the responsibility of the parent/carer.
9. Please refer to our website for nursery closure dates and term dates. These dates are included within your fees.
10. A late payment charge of £150 will be applied for each month that fees remain unpaid.
11. Fees will not be reduced or refunded if the nursery is required to close due to unforeseen or unavoidable circumstances, including natural events.
12. We are unable to offer fee reductions, refunds, or replacement sessions for family holidays, illness, or missed sessions.

These full terms and conditions apply from the point at which your child's place has been secured by payment of the £500 deposit.