



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).