



Government Funding Policy

Elmwood Nursery Funding Policy

Elmwood Nursery is pleased to offer Government-funded childcare hours to support families with young children. Below is a summary of how the funding works at our nursery:

Current Funding

- We offer **15 hours of Government Funding per week for 38 weeks per year**.
- This applies to all **eligible 2, 3, and 4-year-olds**.

New Funding from September 2025

- From **September 2025**, eligible children aged **9 months to 4 years+** may be able to access the new **30-hour Government Funding**.

Attendance Requirements

- The **minimum attendance** at Elmwood Nursery is **three days per week**.
- **One of these days must be either a Monday or a Friday**.

Using Funded Hours

- For children attending three or more days, parents can claim up to **6 funded hours per day**, across **38 weeks per year**.
- The remaining **12 weeks** of the year are charged at the **full nursery rate**.
- As funded hours do not cover a full day, **additional non-funded hours** are available to allow children to attend full days.

Additional Funded Hours

- If we have space on **quieter days during term time**, we may offer **additional funded hours**.
- These are **limited** and are **prioritised for the most vulnerable families**.
- Because these places affect staffing and have financial implications, they are carefully managed to protect the **sustainability of the nursery**.

Eligibility and Application

- Funding becomes available from the **start of the term after your child's birthday**.
- Parents must check their eligibility at:
<https://www.gov.uk/check-eligible-free-childcare-if-youre-working>
- You must **reconfirm your eligibility every three months** to continue receiving funding.
- If you are claiming funded hours at another setting, please **inform the nursery**.

Fee Structure from August 2025

Full Cost (No Funding)			
Days per week	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
1	£96.00	£96.00	£400.00
2	£96.00	£192.00	£800.00
3	£96.00	£288.00	£1,200.00
4	£96.00	£384.00	£1,600.00
5	£96.00	£480.00	£2,000.00

Cost including 15 hours of Government Funding			
Days/week	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
1	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	£96.00	£178.56	£744.00
4	£96.00	£274.56	£1,144.00
5	£96.00	£370.56	£1,544.00

Funded hours for 38 weeks of the year

Costs including up to 30 Hours Government Funding			
Days/week	Daily	Weekly	Monthly
1	N/A	N/A	N/A
2	N/A	N/A	N/A
3	£96.00	£156.67	£652.80
4	£96.00	£208.90	£870.40
5	£96.00	£261.12	£1,088.00

Funded hours for 38 weeks of the year

Fees and Charges

- Fees are charged for **50 weeks per year**.
- Monthly fees are calculated by multiplying the weekly rate by 50 and dividing by 12, to spread costs evenly across the year. Fees are due on the **1st of each month**.
- Charges include **all bank holidays** and **two annual training days**.
- The nursery is **closed for two weeks at Christmas**, and **no fees are charged** for this period.