



Atherstone & Bedworth Heath Maintained Nursery Schools

Charging Policy

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Aims

This statement sets out the Schools approach to charging, describes each type of activity which will be charged for and explains when charges will be made.

Principles

- All nursery education provided within school hours will be free. This includes materials and equipment provided in school hours by the LA or the school. 'School hours' are those when the Nursery School is actually in session.
- All parents/carers will be informed about school hours in the School Prospectus.
- The Schools invite parents/carers and others from time to time to make voluntary contributions towards any part of the planned activities and to permit the provision of activities, which might not otherwise be possible. For example a suggested voluntary contribution of £2 per week provides for healthy snack times, baking, visitors, and additional 'special' resources and activities.
- General fundraising and sponsorship will also be used to permit additional activities. Parents/carers will be informed of the decision to ask for contributions at the planning stage of activities.
- No charges will be made which exceed the actual cost when divided between the participants.
- When parents/carers accompany pupils on an out of school activity, they will be asked to make a contribution towards the cost of transport and/or the activity, how much is dependent on availability of school funds to subsidise.
- Children eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium will receive a reduction in the price of out of school activities such as trips.
- Both Schools sell extended care places upon request and availability. There is no requirement to purchase any extended hours to access the free entitlement.

The following apply to **Atherstone Nursery School** and **Bedworth Heath Maintained Nursery School**: with the exception of Lunch Club.

2 year old Provision

The School offers the Daisy Nursery Sessions (at Bedworth Heath Nursery) and Caterpillar Nursery (at Atherstone Nursery) for 2 year olds, delivered in 3 hour blocks. The charge for a 3 hour session is currently £21.

Lunch Club

Bedworth Heath Nursery School - The School offers a lunch club. This runs from 11.30am to 12.30 each day. **This session falls outside the 15 hours free entitlement and is charged at £7.00 (for Bedworth Heath Nursery).** At Atherstone Nursery this runs from 11.45am to 12.30 each day at a charge of **£5.25 per session.**

For both Schools this is part of the entitlement for children who attend 30 hours.

'2HELP'

The School participates in the 2HELP scheme which is 15 funded hours of early education for 2 year olds living in families who are in receipt of the benefits listed below. There are a limited number of places available for children who can attend in the term after their 2nd birthday. Where children are identified as vulnerable or meeting a set of additional criteria they may be able to access the funded place from the time they turn two years old.

- Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit if your annual household income is less than £16,190
 - Universal Credit if your annual net earned income is less than £15,400
- OR
- The child is being looked after by the local authority
 - The child has left care through special guardianship or an adoption or child arrangement order
 - The child has a current statement of Special Educational Need, or an Education, Health and Care Plan
 - The child qualifies for Disability Living Allowance

2 Year Old Working Family Entitlements

The school participates in the working family entitlements for 2 year olds. You may be entitled to 15 hours per week from September 2025 if you are:

- A two-parent family, both working and each earning the equivalent of 16 hours per week paid at the national minimum or living wage
- Each earning less than £100,000 per year

OR

- A single parent, working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours per week paid at the national minimum or living wage
- Earning less than £100,00 per year

Please see the following website for further information. You must apply online for their eligibility code via HMRC at the link below:

<https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker>

30 hours

The school makes no additional charge to access 30 hours. Families may purchase additional time at the end of the day for the 30 hour session from 2.30pm – 3.30pm at a cost of £7.00 at Bedworth Heath Nursery School or 2.45pm – 3.30pm at a cost of £5.25 at Atherstone Nursery. Payment for the additional 1 hour is due 24 hours before the care is accessed. There is no option to purchase care beyond 3.30pm and late collection fees would incur for late arrival to collect children.