Fee sheet

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As a non-profit, we keep our fees as low as possible to help more families access high-quality childcare.

Our fees are charged per 3-hour session, and we offer three booking patterns to choose from, so you can build your week flexibly around your needs:

Core day	School day	Full day
9am – 3pm	8.15am – 3.45pm	8am – 5pm

	Under 2s	2 year olds	3–4 year olds
Per hour	£12.25	£8.95	£8.00
Per session (3h)	£36.75	£26.85	£24.00
Booking patterns			
Core day (6h)	£73.50	£53.70	£48.00
School day (7.5h)	£91.88	£67.13	£60.00
Full day (9h)	£110.25	£80.55	£72.00

Meals and snacks are not included in our session fees. The following charges apply:

- **School day / Core day**: £2.55 (or 40p if you bring a packed lunch)
- **Full day**: £3.80 (or 60p if you bring a packed lunch and dinner)

Use your funded childcare

Many families are eligible for 15 or 30 hours of free childcare per week. At Ark Start, these funded hours can be used term-time only or stretched all year round, without the need to pay for additional sessions. Read our guide to funded nursery places or speak to our nursery team to understand your entitlements.

Have you tried our calculator?

Childcare costs can be confusing, especially when working out fees alongside your funded hours. We've made it simple – enter your child's age, funding entitlement, and schedule preferences to see your costs.

Try our calculator