



## Castle Hill Village Nursery

### Sessions and Pricing April 2024

#### Babies (3 months to 2 years)

Sessions	Daily	Daily September 2024
Full Day (8am to 6pm)*	£67.10	£70.15
Short Day (8am to 4pm)*	£53.90	£56.35
School Day (8.30am to 3.30pm)	£47.30	£49.45
Morning Session (8am to 1pm)*	£35.75	£37.35
Afternoon Session (1pm to 6pm)	£35.75	£37.35
additional hours for Babies will be charged at £7.00		£7.70 wef 1/9/24

\*see note below

#### Toddlers (2 – 3 years)

Sessions	Daily
Full Day (8am to 6pm)* – 10hrs	£67.85
Short Day (8am to 4pm)* – 8hrs	£54.05
School Day (8.30am to 3.30pm) – 7hrs	£47.15
Morning Session (8am to 1pm)* – 5hrs	£36.25
Afternoon Session (1pm to 6pm) – 5hrs	£36.25
Afternoon Session (1pm to 4pm) – 3hrs	FUNDED HOURS ONLY

additional hours for Toddlers will be charged at £7.00

\*see note below

#### Nursery (3+ until school age)

Sessions	Daily
Full Day (8am to 6pm)* - 10hrs	£67.85
Short Day (8am to 4pm)* - 8hrs	£54.05
School Day (8.30am to 3.30pm) - 7hrs	£47.15
Morning Session (8.30am to 11.30am) – 3hrs	FUNDED HOURS ONLY
Afternoon Session (12.30pm to 3.30pm) - 3hrs	FUNDED HOURS ONLY
Morning Session (8am to 1pm)* - 5hrs	£36.25
Afternoon Session (12.30 pm to 5.30pm) - 5hrs	£36.25

additional hours for 3+ Children will be charged at £7.00

\*see note below

- You will be entitled to a 5% discount if two or more children attend Nursery, at the same time, for hours in excess of their free early years education entitlement
- \*NEW charge** There will be a charge of £1.00 per day, for Breakfast, for **ALL children** who attend sessions that start at 8.00am. **Breakfast will be served from 8.00am - 8.30am ONLY**  
**If you do not want your child to have breakfast please let a member of staff know**
- Fees for children, up to the age of three, for all sessions, excluding afternoons, include a FREE COOKED LUNCH**

If you require a lunch for your child, 3+ and they are accessing their free early years education entitlement, there is a charge of £2.00 per day, payable in advance. Eligible 3-year olds may be entitled to a free meal. Please speak to the Nursery Manager for further information as you will need to meet certain criteria for your child to be have this.

### **FF2 Funding**

Eligible 2-year olds are entitled to free early years education the term after their second birthday. Please speak to the Nursery Manager for further information as you will need to meet certain criteria for your child to be entitled to this.

From April 2024 eligible working parents will also be able to access 15 hours of funding for their 2-year old. The possible free early years education hours, per session are highlighted in **green**. This entitlement will be given over 38 weeks per year. Please click on the link to check eligibility and apply:- <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-childcare-if-youre-working> Once your eligibility has been agreed you will receive a 'unique reference number'. Please give this code to the Nursery Manager so your application for can be processed.

### **Funding 3+**

The term after your child turns three, they will become eligible to access 15 hours (universal entitlement 38 weeks per year) for any of the above sessions. The possible free early years education hours, per session are highlighted in **green**. If you meet the criteria for 30 hours (15 universal and 15 hours extended, 38 weeks per year), you will also be able to access any of the above sessions. Parents wishing to access 30 hours free early years education will need to apply online at:- <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> Once your eligibility has been agreed you will receive a 'unique reference number'. Please give this code to the Nursery Manager so your application for 30 hours can be processed.

### **Funding 9 months+**

At this time I am unsure how working parents/carers apply for the 15 hours funded childcare but will advise you further when details are known.

### **All places are subject to availability.**

If your child attends nursery, term time only, for more hours than their free early years education entitlement, you are required to pay a retainer of £5.00 per week to cover the school holiday periods. (This does not apply if your child attends for their free early years education entitlement only)

If Nursery children require a place during school holidays the charges are as above **without** the deduction of their free entitlement. If you require your child to attend any sessions, outside of the pre-allotted times, there will be a charge of £7.00/£7.70 per hour or part thereof (dependent on the room your child is in).



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5 February 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware from April 2024 there will be significant changes to early years funding. Working parents of 2-year olds will be entitled to 15 hours funded childcare, from April, and working parents of babies 9 months+ will be entitled to 15 hours funded childcare from September.

The last year has seen significant increases in costs in all areas of the nursery and I am aware that you as parents/carers have also been impacted by the current cost of living crisis. The percentage pay rise applied to the minimum wage alone, 9.8% from April 2024, has meant I have had to increase fees by an amount that is at least equivalent to this. The financial pressures faced by us, and other nurseries, has been widely documented in the news. Many nurseries have closed and there is a possibility that many more will do so, unless an appropriate level of funding is given to support us as part of the government's commitment to provide affordable childcare.

I hope this year's fee increase will mean Castle Hill Village Nursery remains financially viable and that we are able to continue to offer places to parents/carers in Folkestone and the surrounding areas. As in previous years our fees remain comparable, and cheaper in some instances, than those currently charged at other local nurseries and reflect value for money, for our 'GOOD' nursery setting.

Please find attached to this letter the revised fees that will come into effect on 1 April 2024. The fees will cover, in part, some of the increased costs the Nursery has.

As there is a 'staggered' roll out of childcare funding, for working parents, the percentage increase in fees for children in the Baby room is less than the other rooms for the period April to August 2024. I have made this decision to try to limit the financial impact pending the introduction of funding in September 2024.

Please find below some other information relating to Castle Hill Village Nursery:

- If you wish to change your child's sessions or if your child moves rooms it may not be possible for the amendment to be shown on your current invoice. An amendment will be made to your account to reflect the change and confirmation will be sent to this effect
- If your child is accessing early years education entitlement you will soon receive a new Parental Declaration Form that will need to be signed
- Fees are still payable should your child be absent through illness
- If you experience difficulty paying fees please ensure you advise the Nursery supervisor as soon as possible to avoid further action being taken
- Castle Hill Village Nursery is a 'not for profit' Community Interest Company

I would like to thank you for your continued support of Castle Hill Village Nursery and if you have any questions regarding any aspect of the Nursery, please do not hesitate to contact the Nursery Manager in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

Pete Talbot  
Headteacher

