



Eltham Fees April 2026

Daily Rate 8am-6pm £86.94

Monthly Fees	Privately Funded	15 Hours Funded 3-4 years	30 Hours Funded 9 months - 4 years
2 Days	£753.48	£397.08	£117.30
3 Days	£1130.22	£766.57	£424.66
4 Days	£1506.96	£1136.07	£794.16
5 Days	£1883.70	£1505.56	£1163.65

Half day session 8am-1pm or 9am-2pm and 1pm-6pm £48.05

Monthly Fees	Privately Funded	15 hours Funded 3-4 years	30 Hours Funded 9 months - 4 years
3 sessions	£624.65	£227.89	£87.98
4 sessions	£832.87	£432.10	£117.30
5 sessions	£1041.08	£636.31	£251.56

Fees For Early Opening - £8.99 per Half Hour

Early bird 7:30am-8:00am

Sessions per week	Price per month
1	£38.96
2	£77.91
3	£116.87
4	£155.83
5	£194.78

Fees: Non funded fees are calculated at a fixed 12 monthly rate based upon the total price of your child's normal weekly sessions. We calculate your monthly fees using the formula: cost of daily rate x 52 weeks divided by 12 months = fixed monthly amount. Non funded fees are inclusive of nappies, wipes, sun cream, meals, snacks, drinks, and extra-curricular activities.

Minimum Booking: Sessions should fit into the session times detailed on the fees structure; however, we will attempt to meet individual needs where possible. Depending on availability preference will be given to families also booking full time places. A minimum of 2 full days must be booked or 3 half day sessions, for those booking 3 or more full days one must include a Monday or a Friday to commence at the nursery.

Funding: All eligible children, from the term after children turn 9 months and above are entitled to early years funding from their local authority. Your child has to attend on three separate days a week in order to claim the funding. We stretch the funding over 51 weeks a year, which is equivalent to 11 or 22 hours of free nursery education all year round. In order for the nursery to claim this funding, you will need to provide a copy of your child's birth certificate and complete a declaration stating where you are claiming the free entitlement. During these funded hours, we apply a non-mandatory charge called Basics and Beyond. This is: £15.18 per week for 11 funded hours or £30.36 per week for 22 funded hours

The Basics and Beyond charge is divided into two clearly itemised parts on your invoice:

1. Non-food consumables and Enhanced Provision, this covers non-food consumables such as nappies, wipes, sun cream, emergency medication, as well as enhanced resources, seasonal activities, and extra-curricular experiences.

- £2.10 per week (11 hours)
- £4.20 per week (22 hours)

2. Meals and Snacks, this covers all meals, snacks, and drinks provided, including the cost of our chef and food preparation

- £13.08 per week (11 hours)
- £26.16 per week (22 hours)

Please note these charges are already included in the fees above, they are not additional charges. Parents can choose not to pay the additional fees and additional hours in accordance with the funding policy and terms and conditions. Please speak to the nursery manager for further details. To opt out of the B&B parents must give a minimum of 30 days notice. We do not charge by the hour.

Booking Patterns: To increase your booking pattern, we require 24 hours' notice, subject to availability. To decrease your booking pattern, you must provide us with 30 days' notice by email to the nursery manager. We require 24hrs notice of any cancellation of booked additional sessions otherwise the session will be charged.

Payment of fees: Each month you will receive a monthly invoice. Payment of fees are payable in advance by direct debit, childcare vouchers, or Tax-Free Childcare within the first 10 working days of each month. Late fees apply for late payment. Please see terms and conditions.

Missed sessions: No refunds or additional sessions will be given for sessions missed due to holidays, sickness, isolation, Bank Holidays, Christmas closure or for the closure of the nursery due to circumstances beyond our control.

Funding Information 2026

30 Hours Funded Childcare - Available for eligible working families with children aged 9 months to 4 years

15 Hours Funded Childcare - Available for eligible families with 2-year-olds who meet Government criteria

Universal 15 Hours

Available for all children aged 3 and 4 years, regardless of household income or employment

When Does Funding Start?

Child's Birthday	Deadline to receive eligibility code	Funding Begins
January - March	31 st March	April Term
April - August	31 st August	September Term
September - December	31 st December	January term

If you're applying for the **working parent childcare funding** (from the term after your child turns 9 months old), the decision is usually quite quick.

In most cases:

- You'll get an instant decision when you complete the online application.
- If HMRC needs to carry out additional checks (for example, to verify your income or employment), it usually takes up to 10 days to receive a decision.

<https://www.gov.uk/free-childcare-if-working/apply-for-free-childcare-if-youre-working>

Please apply before the relevant term begins.

To continue receiving your funded childcare, you **must renew your eligibility code every 3 months**. HMRC will send you email and/or text reminders when it is time to reconfirm your details, so please make sure you read and act on these notifications promptly.

If you miss your renewal date, you may enter a grace period, depending on your circumstances. However, if your code is not renewed before the grace period ends, **your funding will stop**, and you will need to wait until the **next funding term** before you can claim your funded hours again.

Please note that this is a government requirement and is not something the nursery can change or override. We are unable to reinstate funding or backdate claims if a code has expired due to a missed renewal.

We strongly encourage all parents to keep a close eye on their HMRC/GOV.UK emails and renew their code as soon as they receive a reminder to ensure there is no interruption to their childcare funding.

Tax-Free Childcare

Many families can receive a **20% Government contribution** towards nursery fees through the Tax-Free Childcare scheme.

Visit the Government website to check eligibility: www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare

Brightsparks Day Nurseries offers **stretched funding**, allowing funded childcare to be spread across the full nursery year, giving families consistent weekly childcare rather than term-time only. This means 15 funded hours are provided as 11 hours per week, and 30 funded hours are provided as 22 hours per week.

8.00 am - 6.00 pm	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days
30 Funded Hours	20 hours	22 hours	22 hours	22 hours
Private Hours Costs £ 8.69ph	0	8 hours	18 hours	28 hours
Weekly Food Costs *	£26.16	£26.16	£26.16	£26.16
Weekly Consumables Cost *	£4.20	£4.20	£4.20	£4.20

8.00 am - 6.00 pm	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days
15 Funded Hours	11 hours	11 hours	11 hours	11 hours
Private Hours Costs £8.69ph	9 hours	19 hours	29 hours	39 hours
Weekly Food Costs *	£13.08	£13.08	£13.08	£13.08
Weekly Consumables Cost *	£2.10	£2.10	£2.10	£2.10

*Non-mandatory supplement charge covers meals & non food consumables.