

Nursery fees Effective from 1st September 2025

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We are proud of the fact that we are a longstanding, independent nursery, with a dedicated staff team who are focused solely on putting children and families first. We exceed the requirements for Ofsted and the Early Years Foundation stage, in many ways but particularly our high staff ratios.

With the National Minimum wage increase from April this year, Employers National Insurance increase, extended funding entitlements for younger children and other costs increasing beyond our control, it is necessary to make some changes to our nursery fees. These changes take effect from 1st September 2025, we hope that this will be the only change for the next 12 months, we will review them over the next term

- We believe our pricing policy is simple and based on fairness.
- Fees are charged according to the actual costs of providing a place for a child in our setting.
- We have high staff to child ratios and pride ourselves in providing the very best care and education for children and partnership with parents.
- At Dizzy's we strive to pay our team a fair wage for their qualifications, experience and hard work. We believe it is unacceptable to have highly trained Early Years Practitioners working at or close to the minimum wage. We will continue to do this as much as possible. High quality care and service is not achievable on the minimum wage.
- Funded entitlements have to be provided as 'funded hours', these are DfE rules. We are not permitted to offer it as a monetary deduction or to charge 'top up' fees to cover the actual cost of providing the hours. Funded entitlements are set by the Department for Education and Suffolk County Council, they are not linked to our fee schedule. We charge a voluntary 'consumables charge' to help cover provision not included in the funded requirements.
- We consult you as our nursery families and value your opinions on how we structure our fees in a way that best meets your needs. We also pass this information onto the Department for Education.

Please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to find out if you are eligible for a Government Tax Free Childcare account as this will save you 20% on your nursery fees.

Standing order requests and transfers from Government Tax Free Childcare accounts are initiated by you, please remember that fee amendments also need to be made by you. Refunds of overpayments will be subject to an administration fee of £20.

Nursery fees are payable in advance, at the beginning of each month. For example, payment made on 1st May to pay May fees. We accept payments by Standing order, BACS, Card payments (in person only) Childcare Voucher Schemes and Government Tax Free Childcare payments.

Universal Credit - Please note that universal credit is an agreement between families and UC. Parents remain fully responsible for the cost of childcare that they book, and for making payments on time. Receipts are issued on request for UC evidence (for the current month only, we do not provide receipts for past months).

Please note that we have a minimum attendance requirement of two full days per week, or 15 hours of government funded childcare per week (if 15 hours is the maximum entitlement for your child)

Dizzy's Day Nursery is **closed** for Christmas (from 12.30pm on Christmas Eve until the first working day in January) and all public bank holidays. Nursery staff are paid for these days and our overheads remain the same for rent and rates etc. Therefore, we charge our usual fees for these days and do not give any refunds or discounts. Most of our families agree to this policy as they are themselves paid for public bank holidays and are not left 'out of pocket'. However, if you are concerned about public bank holidays and Christmas closure please speak to Liz or Lisa when planning your child's sessions for the year.

Nursery Fees and session times

Dizzy's Day Nursery is open Monday - Friday from 7:30am to 5.30pm (7.15am Early Start and 6pm Later finish available when booked in advance, by Tuesday of the week before).

Age	Full day (10 hours)	Shorter Day (8.30am-4pm)	Morning (7.30am - 12.30pm) Earlier start can be added.	Pre-school Am 8.30-11.30am	Forest School 8.30am-4pm	Hourly Rate
0-2	70.00	62.50	-	-	-	10.00
2-3	67.00	55.00	42.00	22.00	-	9.20
3-5	65.00	52.50	40.00	19.80	65.00	8.95

*Lunch £4.50 *Tea £1.50 *Consumables charge per morning and afternoon £1.50 each (funded sessions)

Funded Hours at Dizzy's

*Please see our guide about 'Funded hours at nursery' for more information. Available on our website www.dizzysdaynursery.co.uk

Extra days - You may find that on occasion you need to book an ad-hoc extra day or session at nursery, this can be booked subject to availability and will be charged at the following rates: -

Age	Full day (Flexible 10 hours)	Morning (2-5's only) (7.30am - 12.30pm)	Hourly Rate	Early 7.15- 7.30am	Late 5.30-6pm
0-5	70.00	45.00	10.00	5.00	10.00

Extras can be cancelled without charge provided you have cancelled by 6pm the night before.

Securing your child's place:-

To register your child for a place, a non-refundable registration fee of £50.00 should be returned to the nursery with your completed registration form (Registration fees are not required for fully funded hours only, any other attendance pattern is subject to the registration fee).

When a place is available and has been accepted, a refundable deposit of £250.00 is payable. This deposit will be returned as fees in the month your child is due to leave nursery (not charged for Funded Hours only places).

Further information:-

No discounts or refunds are given if your child does not attend their sessions i.e., due to holiday, sickness/injury, appointments, or unforeseen nursery closures e.g., Snow, Loss of water, heating, power, Government National or Local restrictions.

Late Collection Charges - Unplanned late collection charges apply at a rate of £10 for each 10 minutes or part 10 minutes. E.g. 15 mins will be charged at £20.

Dizzy's Day Nursery reserve the right to withdraw a nursery place due to non-payment of fees. Likewise, disrespectful language or behaviour towards staff, on social media, or in group messaging between nursery families will not be tolerated and could result in a nursery place being withdrawn.

Discounts and Grants

- We offer a discount of 5% when two or more siblings attend the same fully fee paying sessions. No discounts are given where funded sessions are claimed.
- We accept payments from all Childcare Voucher Schemes and Government Tax Free Childcare payments, along with Standing Order payments.
- Please note that we no longer offer a 2 week holiday discount.

Details of the delivery of the ‘funded’ sessions at Dizzy’s Day Nursery are as follows;
(Please see the additional information re Funded Childcare at Dizzy’s alongside this information).

Please note- At Dizzy’s Day Nursery, we offer a maximum of **10 funded hours** in one day.

15 hours per week, universal entitlement ONLY (3&4 year olds) can be claimed Term Time only or All Year Round. (stretched offer). Parents can request the sessions they require and will receive confirmation of their place. Places are offered, subject to availability. Priority is given to families using the ‘stretched offer’ and purchasing hours in addition to the funded hours.

30 & 15 hours per week, funded entitlement for eligible children can be claimed Term Time only or All Year Round subject to availability. Parents can request the sessions they require from the sessions we offer and will receive confirmation of their place. Places are offered, subject to availability. Priority is given to families using the ‘stretched offer’ and purchasing hours in addition to the funded hours. Only full days are available for children under 2 years.

All funded hours are based on 38 weeks per year (term times). This is the offer from the Department for Education.

Please contact Lisa to discuss the sessions you require, and to find out how the funding is applied to your chosen pattern of attendance.

We apply funded hours from your first session of the week up to a maximum of 30 hours term time and 22 hours ‘stretched offer’ for all year round places. For example, an eligible child receiving 30 hours per week on a ‘term time only’ basis will receive the first three days of their week as fully funded days. Any further days will be at the nursery’s daily rate for that age group.

Alternatively, an eligible child receiving 22 hours per week on a ‘stretched offer’ basis will receive the first two days of their week as fully funded days, then 2 hours funded of the next day with fees applied after that.

Additional costs for Funded hours;

A consumables charge of £1.50 is applied to each funded morning and afternoon session booked.

A lunch charge of £4.50 is applied for lunch during funded hours.

A tea charge of £1.50 is applied for tea during funded hours.

*Any parent wishing to opt out of meal charges can collect their child to provide them with a meal, off nursery premises. Notification in writing must be given at the start of the term and cannot be changed during that term/funding period.

*Any parent wishing to opt out of the consumables charge can do so, in writing, if having to pay it would prevent them from accessing a funded place. Usually in this case it is possible to source funding to cover the cost as the child may be eligible for Pupil Premium or other funding.

Please note; Additional costs are not applicable for fee paying sessions. The daily fees are inclusive of meals, snacks and consumables.

All funded hours and costs will be confirmed to you when you claim your funding with an eligible code and/or meet the requirements of the Universal offer for 3&4 year olds.

If you have any questions about the funded entitlements at Dizzy’s Day Nursery, please do not hesitate to ask Liz/Lisa. All the information about the governments ‘Funded childcare scheme is available from

www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/