



Funded Childcare

At Sallywags Day Nursery

From April 2026



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Our Guide to Delivering the Funding Entitlement

Entitlement	9 months - 2 years	2 – 3 years	3 – 4 years
All Parents (Universal)	-	-	11 hours
Working Parents	22 hours	22 hours	22 hours
Families in receipt of support	-	11 hours	-

- **Universal Funding** - Available to all parents of 3- and 4-year-olds. This provides 570 hours of funded early education per year. It is typically advertised as 15 hours per week over 38 weeks of the year. As the nursery operates all year round, we stretch this funding across the full year, which provides 11.07 hours per week.
- **Working Parent Funding** - Available to eligible working parents. This provides up to 1,140 hours of funded early education per year. It is typically advertised as 30 hours per week over 38 weeks of the year. We stretch this funding across the full year, providing up to 22.14 hours per week.
 - **Eligible parents:**
 - Each parent must earn the equivalent of at least 16 hours per week at the National Minimum or Living Wage.
 - Each parent must earn less than £100,000 per year.
 - In a two-parent household, both parents must meet the above criteria.

Funded Hours



- We offer the funding on a stretched basis*, up to a maximum of 22.14 hours a week over the 51.5 weeks of the year we are open (including bank holidays).
- The funded hours are accepted between the hours of 9am to 5pm, therefore the funded hours are restricted to 8 hours a day*.
- It is our responsibility to ensure that the funded childcare hours are free to parents. The nursery receives the grant funding from Rutland County Council every month.

* As a nursery that operates all year round, we don't offer term time only sessions. However, we do offer term time funding on our 'School Package', with a 50% discount on fees during the school holidays being applicable. On the School Package, funding is up to 30 hours a week over 38 weeks, with the funded hours restricted to 10 hours a day.

Payable Hours



- Our invoices are annualised so that you receive the same monthly bill each month.
- Parents will be charged for the full nursery session outside of the funded hours, regardless of drop-off and pick-up times.
- The wraparound hours or additional hours (i.e. Payable hours) are calculated by the nursery based on our fee structure and charged at our sessional wraparound hourly rate.
- As an example, if you have booked on 2 Full Day sessions, and are using 11 hours of funding. The first day would consist of 8 Funded hours and 2.5 Payable hours. The second day would consist of 3 Funded hours and 7.5 Payable hours.
- We also offer some funded only sessions on a limited basis, at our quieter times during the week.

Essential Charges



Government funding is intended to help deliver high quality, flexible childcare. It is NOT intended to cover consumables and essentials that have a one-time use in addition to activities or enrichment sessions.

We believe these items play an important part in the care and experiences we provide each day. They help us create a nurturing, engaging environment where children can learn, explore and grow in confidence. To enable us to continue offering this high standard of provision, these items are charged separately. However, the charges are voluntary, and if you wish to make alternative arrangements, or have any questions, please discuss this with our Nursery Manager.

Funded Hours per week:	4 hrs	8 hrs	11 hrs	22 hrs
Meals and Snacks	£2.32	£4.64	£6.38	£12.76
Consumables (Non-Food)	£1.16	£2.32	£3.19	£6.38
Activities	£1.16	£2.32	£3.19	£6.38

These charges are only applied to the booking where funding is applied.

What's Included in our Essential Charges

Our additional charges cover essential items and enrichment experiences that enhance your child's day at nursery.

Meals and Snacks

We provide freshly prepared, healthy meals and snacks each day, cooked on site by our qualified Nursery Cook. Our wholesome, nutritious seasonal menus are carefully planned to promote healthy eating habits that support your child's healthy lifestyle.

Consumables

To ensure your child remains clean, comfortable and well cared for throughout the day, we provide essential non-food consumables. Ensuring nappies and wipes are disposed of responsibly, along with other hygiene items used to maintain a safe and clean environment.

Activities

We provide a range of additional enrichment opportunities that enhance your child's learning and development. These include weekly French sessions delivered by Fun French for Kids and sport sessions provided by Super Star Sport, alongside our in-house enrichment activities such as Outdoor Adventure Learning sessions, as well as trips out and educational visits. These experiences support children's development across all areas of learning, including physical development, personal and social skills, and speech and language, helping to prepare them for the transition to school.

Funding Example:

2 days, 11 hours funding

For a child attending for two full days who receives 11.07 weekly hours (570 hours a year/ 51.5 weeks) Universal Funding Entitlement.



	Day 1 (Monday)	Day 2 (Tuesday)	Weekly
Hours Attended	10.5	10.5	21
Funded Hours	8	3.07	11.07
Payable Hours	2.5	7.43	9.93
Meals and Snacks	£4.64	£1.74	£6.38
Consumables	£2.32	£0.87	£3.19
Activities	£2.32	£0.87	£3.19

- **Weekly Fees (based on a Full Day Hourly Rate of £7.80):**

- Funded Hours: 11.07 hours = £0.00
- Payable Hours: 9.93 hours x £7.80 = £77.45
- Essential Charges:
 - Meals and Snacks = £6.38
 - Consumables = £3.19
 - Activities = £3.19
- Total Weekly Fees = £90.21

- **Monthly Fees (Invoices are annualised over 51.5 weeks):**

- £90.21 x 51.5/12 = £387.15

Available Discounts



We offer a system of discounts to recognise any sibling who starts at nursery, blue light card holders and also for parents who wish to pay their fees in advance. If eligible for a discount, a maximum of two discounts will be allowed at any one time*

Sibling Discount

The sibling discount applies to the second child's fees when both children are attending nursery, it would also apply to any subsequent siblings.

- 3 or more days = 10% discount
- 1 or 2 days = 5% discount

Blue Light Card (NHS, Emergency Services, Armed Forces and Social Care) Discount

Up to 10% discount will be applied to your childcare fees on production of your blue light card.

- 3 or more days = 10% discount
- 1 or 2 days = 5% discount

Payments in Advance

The following are our lists of discounts which can be offered for payments in advance:

- 3 months in advance = 5% discount
- 6 months in advance = 7.5% discount
- 12 months in advance = 10% discount

Please note that the discount will be calculated only on the amount paid immediately on issue of the invoice.

* Note that the School Package is classed as a discount for this purpose.

School Package



As a nursery that operates all year round, we don't offer term time only sessions. However, we do offer a 'School Package'. This is essentially a discount on a full year nursery place, allowing your child to attend nursery during the term time with a 50% discount on fees during the school holidays, enabling you to retain your child's place at nursery. This is available on our Weekly, Full Day and Short Day sessions only.

School Package Guidelines

Available to teachers, school staff and parents with older siblings at school.

- Children are only booked to attend during the school term time but can attend for up to 5 days during school holidays throughout the year with the agreement of the Nursery Manager. The number of days that a child can attend during school holidays is based on the number of days the child attends during the week (for example if your child attends nursery for 3 days during school term time, they would be able to attend for up to 3 days during school holidays). Any additional days would be charged at the sessional rate.
- The discount is 14 weeks of the year at half fees (38 weeks at full fees).
- Can only book Full day or Short day sessions (Half days and funding only is not available).
- The funding hours are termly i.e. 15 and 30 hours (and not 11 and 22 hours all year round). The maximum funding hours during a day is 10 hours (applies to School Package only).

Tax-Free Childcare



Tax-Free Childcare (TFC) is a scheme introduced by the government to help eligible working parents with the cost of childcare.

- For every £8 paid into the online account, the government will add an extra £2, up to £2,000 per child per year, with a maximum top-up of £500 every 3 months.
- Eligibility is the same as for the Working Parents Funding:
 - Each parent must earn the equivalent of at least 16 hours per week at the National Minimum or Living Wage.
 - Each parent must earn less than £100,000 per year.
 - In a two-parent household, both parents must meet the above criteria.
- Essentially, this scheme provides a 20% reduction in your childcare fees for eligible working parents, and you can use your TFC account to pay for your childcare directly.

We encourage you to check if you are eligible for a TFC account by visiting the government's [Best Start in Life](#) website

