



Fees & Funding

At Ohana Centre, we are committed to transparency, fairness, and access. We recognise that families come to us at different stages and with different circumstances, and we believe that financial difficulty should never be a barrier to a child accessing appropriate early support.

This page explains clearly how early education funding works, what is funded, what may be privately charged, and how additional support is agreed.

1. Government-Funded Early Education

We accept the following statutory early education funding:

- Universal 15 hours funding for all eligible 3–4-year-olds
- Working Parent 30 hours funding for eligible 3–4-year-olds
- Universal 15 hours funding for eligible 2-year-olds, subject to local authority criteria

Key points:

- Funded hours are provided at £0.00 value
- Funding covers 38 weeks per year
- Funded hours are free at the point of delivery
- Funding contributes towards early education only

Funded hours are claimed directly from the local authority.

2. Stretching Funded Hours (39 to 48 Weeks)

Ohana Centre is open for 39 to 48 weeks per year.

Parents may choose to stretch their funded entitlement across:

- 39 weeks, to
- 48 weeks

When funding is stretched, the total number of funded hours remains the same but is delivered across more weeks.

Families are provided with a personalised breakdown clearly showing:

- funded hours (shown at £0.00)
- any privately purchased hours

3. Additional Optional Early Intervention & Specialist Support

Ohana Centre is a specialist SEND setting offering enhanced early intervention and specialist support.

Alongside funded early education hours, we offer an optional Early Intervention & Specialist Support programme, charged at:

- £7 per hour (where accessed)

This charge relates to additional services provided over and above the Early Years Foundation Stage requirements, such as:

- enhanced specialist staffing
- targeted early intervention approaches
- SEND-specific strategies and resources

Important:

- Access to government-funded early education hours is not conditional on accessing this support
- This support is optional and discussed on an individual basis
- No child is excluded from funded provision because a family cannot afford this charge

Where families are unable to meet this cost, we operate a nursery-funded bursary and hardship support system, subject to availability. We regularly support children before an EHCP is in place, and funding arrangements may change as a child's needs and circumstances develop.

4. Privately Funded Hours (Beyond Universal Entitlement)

Hours taken beyond the universal 15 or 30 funded hours are charged at:

- £17 per hour

These are privately contracted hours and are invoiced separately from funded provision.

5. SEND-Specific Funding

We work closely with local authorities and families to support children with additional needs and accept:

- **Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) funding**, where provision and costs are determined by the requirements set out in the EHCP
- **SEN Inclusion Funding (SENIF)**, where agreed by the local authority for children with SEND who do not yet have an EHCP

Funding arrangements are discussed with families and reviewed regularly.

6. Children with EHCPs

For children with an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP):

- Charges are not applied for provision covered by agreed EHCP funding
- Provision is delivered in line with the EHCP requirements
- Parents are informed clearly how EHCP funding is used to support their child

We recognise that many children join us prior to an EHCP being issued, and we work collaboratively with families and professionals to support children through the assessment process where appropriate.

7. Internal & Non-Statutory Support

To support access and inclusion, we may also offer or accept:

- Nursery-funded bursaries or hardship support, subject to availability
- Charity-funded places or subsidies, where applicable
- Parent-funded private provision (self-funding)

These arrangements are discussed openly and reviewed regularly.

8. Payment Methods & Support with Childcare Costs

Families may pay privately funded childcare fees using:

- **Tax-Free Childcare**, for eligible families
- **Childcare Vouchers**, for families remaining in legacy voucher schemes
- **Direct payment** (e.g. bank transfer)

Families claiming **Universal Credit** may be able to reclaim a proportion of eligible childcare costs. We can provide invoices and receipts to support these claims.

9. Invoices & Transparency

Invoices clearly show:

- funded hours at **£0.00**
- privately purchased hours
- any agreed optional additional services

We do not apply hidden or retrospective charges.

10. Fees Review & Changes

- Fees are reviewed periodically
- Parents are given advance notice of any changes
- Funding rule changes are communicated clearly
- Changes are never applied retrospectively

11. Further Information & Support

Please also read:

- Nursery Terms & Conditions
- Admissions & Settling-In Policy
- SEND Policy
- Complaints Policy

If affordability is a concern, or if you are unsure how funding applies to your situation, **we strongly encourage you to contact us**. We are happy to discuss individual circumstances and provide a personalised breakdown.

Policy Review & Sign-Off

- Original adoption: **4th November 2022**
- Last review: **8th December 2025**
- Reviewed By: Alba Arenas Martín
- Next review due: **November 2026** or earlier if statutory guidance changes.