

Shardlow Hall Private Day Nursery

Funding and Fees Information (Derbyshire Early Years Funding Agreement Compliant)

We aim to make our funding and fees clear, transparent, and compliant with the Derbyshire Early Years Funding Agreement.

Session Charges Summary

Session	Session Time	Funded Hours (15/30 entitlement)	Additional (Non-Funded) Hours	Optional Meals / Consumables / Extras Package (Opt-in)	Additional Hours + Optional Extras (combined total if opted in)	Estimated Cost After TFC*
Full Day	7:30am – 6:00pm	7.5 hrs	3 hrs	£18.00	£41.68	£33.35
Funded Session	9:30am – 4:30pm	7.5 hrs	0 hrs	£18.00 (optional)	£0.00	£14.40
Funded PM	1:00pm – 6:00pm	5 hrs	0 hrs	£10.00 (optional)	£0.00	£8.00
Additional Hours	Any additional hour	0 hrs	1 hr	£0.00	£10.00 per hour	£8.00

*TFC = Tax-Free Childcare. Costs are estimates and depend on individual circumstances.

Important Funding Information

Funded entitlement and term-time weeks

Derbyshire Early Years Funding is delivered in line with the Derbyshire funding calendar. The standard funded offer is based on **38 weeks (term-time)**. Where families choose a term-time only place, funded hours are claimed and delivered across those funded weeks.

1) Funded Hours Are Free

Your child's funded early education entitlement is completely free at the point of delivery. We do not charge for funded hours, registration, administration, deposits linked to funded hours, or any top-up fees as a condition of receiving funded hours.

2) Charges Apply Only To

Families may choose to purchase additional services, but these are entirely optional. Charges may apply for:

- **Additional (non-funded) hours** — any hours attended beyond a child's funded entitlement are charged at the published hourly rate.
- **Optional meals / extras package (opt-in)** — may include meals and additional services such as snacks, meals, enrichment activities and consumables, if provided by the nursery. The cost of the package is shown above and is separately identifiable from childcare.

3) Families Can Opt Out of Meals / Extras

Families are welcome to take up a funded place without purchasing the meals/extras package. If you opt out of nursery meals, you may provide your child with food in line with our Lunchbox Policy (available on Family).

4) Session Allocation and Swaps

Funded sessions must be booked in advance and are offered subject to availability. Where funded sessions are booked, we cannot guarantee session swaps, as funding must be claimed in line with agreed attendance patterns.

5) Stretched Funding (All-Year Attendance Model)

Families who attend across the year may choose to **stretch** their funded entitlement so it is delivered over more than 38 weeks. Stretched funding works by spreading the same total funded hours across a larger number of weeks, meaning fewer funded hours are delivered each week. Please note: the local authority continues to fund based on the funded calendar, so stretched arrangements require a consistent attendance pattern and families will usually need to book and pay for additional (non-funded) hours alongside the stretched funded hours to maintain their chosen weekly sessions.

Illustration of stretched funding

The example below shows how a 15-hour entitlement may be delivered as either term-time only (38 weeks) or stretched across 51 weeks. The total funded hours remain the same; only the weekly delivery changes.

Entitlement	Total funded hours per year	Term-time only delivery	Stretched delivery (example)
15 hours/week	570 hours (15 x 38 weeks)	15 hours/week for 38 weeks	Approx. 11.2 hours/week for 51 weeks
30 hours/week	1140 hours (30 x 38 weeks)	30 hours/week for 38 weeks	Approx. 22.4 hours/week for 51 weeks

Stretched weeks vary depending on your chosen attendance model and the Derbyshire funding calendar. We will confirm your individual stretched hours in writing.

Need further clarification?

If you would like help understanding your funded entitlement, term-time funding, stretched funding, or how fees are calculated, please contact the nursery management team.