

15 & 30 Hours: How it works...

By September 2025, working parents with children ages 9 months old to when they start school will be eligible for '30 hours' childcare support.

- HM Government offers a 570 & 1140 hours annual entitlement, commonly known as 15 & 30 hours free respectively.
- For full time nurseries open 50 weeks per year, you get 11.4 & 22.8 hours per week free (see table below).

Funding Known as	Annual Entitlement (hours)	Richborough Nursery (Open 50 weeks per year)	Term Time Nursery (Open 38 weeks per year)
15 Hours Free	570	11.4	15
30 Hours Free	1140	22.8	30

- The funded hours are paid to providers at a lower hourly rate as they are only designed to cover care so that parents can continue to work. Nurseries that provide food, curriculum planning and other resources charge a supplement per funded hour (ours is £1.50 per funded hour).
- Children are eligible the term after their birthday. New terms start September, January and April. *(e.g. a child who turns 3 in May will be eligible for 3 year old funding in September)*

How is the invoice calculated?

The table below shows an example monthly invoice for full price, 15 and 30 hours rounded to the nearest £1.

Sessions per week	Monthly Fee		
	Full Price	15 hours free	30 hours free
2	£700	£372	£125
3	£1,050	£722	£395
4	£1,400	£1,072	£745
5	£1,750	£1,422	£1,095

N.B This table is an example. Actual nursery fees may vary. Please request a copy of our latest brochure for up-to-date fees.

e.g. A child who attends 4 days per week and is eligible for 30 hours

The child attends 4 (days) for 10 (hours) for 50 (weeks) = 2,000 hours per year

The child is eligible for '30 hours' or 1,140 hours per year

There are 860 annual chargeable hours (2,000 - 1,140)

860 /12 months = 71.67 * £8.40 (Over 2's hourly rate) = £602.03

1,140 /12 months = 95 * £1.50 (supplement) = £142.50

Monthly invoice amount = £744.53