Southernwood Nursery Fees and Charges

September 2025

Southernwood caters for a wide range of parents and carers. Some pay for their child's care and other children are funded by central government.

Southernwood aims to be open, fair and transparent in its procedures for charging and, it endeavours to provide good value for money.

Unfunded children

Lunch, all snacks and supplementary activities are included. Parents provide their own nappies and wet wipes where applicable.

There is an option of starting at 8am and/or finishing at 6pm for an additional charge as below.

Full Day
2-year-old – 8.30 - 5.30 = £64
3- & 4-year-old - 8.30 – 5.30 = £58

Half Day
2-year-old - 8.30-12.30 or 1.30 – 5.30 = £32(without lunch)
2-year-old - 8.30-1.30 or 12.30-5.30 = £40 (with lunch)
3- & 4-year-old - 8.30-12.30 or 1.30 – 5.30 = £29 (without lunch)
3- & 4-year-old - 8.30-1.30 or 12.30-5.30 = £35 (with lunch)

Additional minutes at the beginning or end of the day charged.
Up to 15 min = £8
Up to 30 min = £10

If more than one early or late occurs within a week, then the charge is £6/15 minutes and £8/30 minutes.

Funded Children.

Children are eligible for funding in the following ways.
2-year-olds – 15 hours if receiving a certain level of benefits (Local Authority targeted funding) or 30 for working parents (Working Families government funding).
3-&4-year-olds – 15 hours for all children and 30 hours for working parents.

Children are only funded at 15 or 30 hours for 38 weeks of the year. Southernwood stretches funding which means that 11 or 22 hours of funding are applied for every week of the year as Southernwood is open all year round (except 1 week at Christmas). Children may attend for more hours than their funded entitlement and these hours are charged at approx. £7 up to 3 hours, then half day/full day rates apply.

Funded Charges

There are no funded charges for 2-year-olds.

Funded charges for 3 & 4-year-olds – Voluntary – This is discussed at your show around and again during the initial parent liaison about your child.

The Government states that the hourly rate that it provides is for the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) requirements only and that nurseries may make charges for anything provided in addition to these requirements. Parents can opt in to ensure their child takes part in these supplementary activities by agreeing to pay the extra charges and initially do this on their registration form under 'Permissions'. This will then be discussed further at the initial parent liaison.

For children in receipt of 22 stretched hours/week of funding, Southernwood Nursery makes an opt-in charge of **£12.50** per week for all other extras. For children with 11 stretched hours/week of funding, the opt-in charge is **£7.50**/week. These charges are averaged out through the year as some activities are term time only. For example, this includes the following: -

- All snacks (3x per day)
- 1:1 personalised maths and literacy teaching (school leavers)

- Outdoor Adventures run by a qualified Forest Schooler.
- Sun Cream
- Use of all outdoor clothing, including wellies.
- All trips out of nursery
- Yoga/Music/Dance sessions
- Cooking activities
- Celebrations such as birthdays, Easter, Christmas, sports days, leavers party
- All resources required beyond EYFS

Funded Lunches

Southernwood nursery charges for all funded lunches at **£4.50/lunch.** All our lunches are lovingly prepared by our army chef Claire to a high nutritional standard. Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate packed lunches as we have no storage facility to maintain their temperature. If you would like to discuss our arrangements for lunches, please speak to the nursery owner at any time.

NB If a child requires a specialist diet, then a charge of £8/week applies. This includes vegetarian, vegan, no lactose, gluten free etc. This is to cover the expense of the different products needed for your child and for cooking and the time taken to produce individual meals.

Parents of children who are eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium funding to the nursery, will not be expected to pay the opt-in charge or the charge for lunch. Money received for EYPP in these cases is used in the nursery for children with EYPP.

Southernwood offers funded hours between 8.30am and 5.30pm. These may be taken in 4-hour (half day without lunch), 5-hour (half day with lunch) and 9-hour (full day including lunch) sessions.

Funded children may start at 8.00am and finish at 6.00pm - Additional minutes at the beginning or end of the day are charged: -

Up to 15 min = £8
Up to 30 min = £10

If more than one early or late occurs within a week, then the charge is £6/15 minutes and £8/30 minutes.

Unless children have specific additional needs and we plan this together, we do not allow lunches/or snacks to be brought in from home in line with our policy on how we encourage the children's emotional and social development – eating together, eating healthily etc.

Late Fee

A late fee of £15 is charged when a child is not collected on time and is applied at the owner's discretion.

Absence due to Holidays or Medical Reasons

Fees are always payable except when the nursery is closed on bank holidays and for a week at Christmas. Where children are on holiday for an extended amount of time (minimum of 4 weeks), a discount of 50% will be applied.

Swapping Sessions

Unfortunately, we are unable to swap sessions when a child is unable to attend on their allocated day.

Paying Fees

Fees are payable within 7 days of receiving the invoice. A late payment fee of £10 is applied when payment is not received within the agreed time.

Notice

4 weeks' notice is required when you no longer require a place and also if you wish to reduce the hours for your child.