



Early Years Funding, Charging and Fee Policy

Early Years Funding

Wallisdean Pre-School is open Monday to Friday 9.00am-3.00pm term time only for 39 weeks of the year.

We offer funded places for three & four year olds using the Universal (15 hours) Government funding and the Extended Government funding (30 hour funding) for eligible children.

In addition, Two-Year-Olds funding can be used as soon as the child turns three.

We are also in receipt of Early Years Pupil Premium and Disability Access Fund for eligible children.

Wallisdean Pre-School can offer a variety of sessions across the week, which can be discussed upon registering but can include mornings (9.00am-12.00pm), afternoons (12.00pm-3.00pm) all day sessions (9.00am-3.00pm) – subject to availability. Wraparound care is available from 7.30am – 5.30pm (5pm Friday).

Funding is paid to the Pre-School for 38 weeks per year.

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The Pre-School will close for 5 inset days per year (notice will be given for these closure days).

The full funding will be claimed for (including the inset days) and these days will be used to pay for the last week of term.

The Universal funding is issued from the term after the child turns three years old. Places can be taken as soon as the child turns three but these will be chargeable or Two-Year-Olds funding or Working Parent Funding can be used.

Early Learning for Two-Year-olds - 15 hours funding

Wallisdean Pre-School accept children from the age of three. The Universal funding will start the term after they are three. However Two-Year-Olds funding can be used to pay for this first term, which will allow children to start as soon as they turn three.

To check eligibility for this, parents can apply via the Best Start in Life website

beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/. If accepted, Pre-School will require the funding code before the child starts, to then claim the funding on the parents' behalf.

15 hours Childcare for all families

All children aged three and four can access this funding from the term after they turn three. This is upon completion of a signed Parent Declaration form. Wallisdean Pre-School will claim the funding on your behalf.

30 hours childcare – Working parents

Children can receive this additional funding if parents are eligible. The extended funding code will need to be applied for by the parent via via the Best Start in Life website beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education/. This must be applied for by the last day of term prior to the funding being used.

You will be issued with a funding code, which needs to be emailed to the Pre-School the term prior to your child starting. This information is required by Pre-School as we need to input code into the funding portal to confirm the funding.

Parents will be required to reconfirm their eligibility every 3 months with HMRC. You will be notified by email from HMRC. The Pre-School are unable to do this part for you.

The Pre-School will also remind you to do this, but failure to reconfirm the 30 hour code may result in your child's place being withdrawn or the sessions can be paid for. The Universal hours are not affected.

Extra Sessions / Fees

Parents can request extra sessions on top of the 15 hours and these will be chargeable. You will receive an invoice at the beginning of the month. This needs to be paid by the 15th of the month. If a parent/carer falls behind on payments the Pre-School Manager will notify them and may have to suspend the extra sessions. (Child can still attend the funded sessions). A payment plan may have to be produced. Extra sessions cannot resume until the debt has been cleared.

All Fees are still payable if your child is ill or does not attend for any reason.

In the unlikely event that the setting needs to close you will not be charged for the sessions. If an Inset day falls on the Fee paying day you will not be charged for this.

Each Paid Session.

This fee will be reviewed annually and any increase will be based on running costs. Parents will be notified in writing of any fee increase. Sessions fee prices are available on the website <https://www.wallisdeanfederation.co.uk/key-information/sessions-and-prices>

You can also use Tax Free Childcare or Universal Credit to pay for additional sessions.

Notice Period

The Pre-School have a 4 week notice period if a child is leaving or if there is any change to paid sessions.

Holiday or Absence

If you take your child out of Pre-School for holidays, or any absent days, all extra sessions MUST STILL be paid, and if the Pre-School are required to pay back the funded sessions, you will be billed to cover the costs.

Sadly we have to enforce this as the Pre-School still has to cover costs such as bills, staffing costs etc.

Charges

Parents may be asked to make a contribution towards replacing damaged or lost Pre-School property caused wilfully or negligently by their child(ren), eg a book £5.00 replacement cost.

School Meals

Pre-School hot meals are catered by the in house school catering team. Payments must be made in **advance** via the online payment system.

Late Collection Fee

If a child is not collected promptly at the end of their session, this may impact required staff-to-child ratios, which are a legal obligation. Therefore, any child collected more than five minutes after the scheduled collection time will be transferred to the Wallisdean Wraparound Club, and the appropriate charges will apply.