

## The Learning Meadow Fee Structure: April 2024

The following costs are for non-funded children and include the following:

A full continental breakfast, 2 course hot lunch, drinks and snacks, Consumables such as wipes, access to our animal friends and our 5 acre site as well and trips and visits. *(please note no hot lunch is provided if you are just attending the afternoon sessions).*

<b>Non-funded session options (min 2 sessions per week. A session is a half day) and The Meadow Rangers Holiday Club fees. Additional services included in these rates</b>	<b>Cost 2 – 3 year olds</b>	<b>Cost 3 – 5 year olds</b>
Full Day session 8am – 5pm	£84.34	£72.96
Morning Session with lunch hour 8am – 1pm	£48.88	£42.53
Afternoon session 1pm – 5pm	£35.57	£30.49
2 course cooked lunch for morning and all day sessions only	£4.50	£4.50
Advance booking early drop off (7.45-8am) or extended pick up fee (5- 5.30pm) if not included in your funded hours.	£7.00	£6.00
Late collection fee payable after the first 5 minutes, per 5 minutes	£7.00	£6.00
Non refundable deposit charged to secure your place. (£80 deducted from first months fees, £30 admin fee and includes a Learning Meadow hat.	£120	£120
No uniform is required to attend The Learning Meadow but further T shirts can be ordered.	£5.00 each	£5.00 each

### Early Years Entitlement Funding (EYE).

We offer 15/30 hour Early Years Entitlement (EYE) funding, the 2 year Early Years Entitlement funding and the better2gether (2 yr funding) funding for 38 weeks over an academic year. Any additional hours will be charged at our full rate. We do offer a stretched funding option between April and August to allow for funding to be stretched into our Summer Holiday Club.

**All 3 year old children can receive EYE the term following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. All eligible 2 year olds can also receive their EYE the term following their 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Only childcare is paid for using this entitlement. We can be as flexible as possible as to how many of your entitled hours you choose to use as per our availability. For example you may be entitled to 15 hrs but may only want 10hrs or entitled to 30hrs but may only want 18hrs. Please note we can only claim for the hours that you want to use and are not permitted by Wiltshire Council to change this claim part way through a term. Additionally, we can only claim these hours if your child/ren takes a place here at The Learning Meadow before head count weeks. These weeks can be found in the parent zone of our website. The local authority will not accept any mid term changes unless you meet the Wiltshire Council late starter criteria which includes moving house. These can be found on the Wiltshire council website.**

The EYE allows access to education and care for up to 15 and 30 hours a week for 38 weeks a year. It is not intended to cover the costs of meals and consumables therefore, we charge a sustainable fee to meet the costs of the following additional services:

As at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024

**A full continental breakfast, 2 course hot lunch, drinks and snacks, Consumables such as wipes, access to our animal friends and our 5-acre site as well and trips and visits**

**These additional service fees are as follows:**

**Morning 8am – 1pm: = £13.97**

**Afternoon: (no lunch included) 1pm – 5pm = £6.35**

**Full day 8am – 5pm: = £20.33**

### **Funding periods.**

We are a term time only, day nursery with the added bonus of providing an optional summer holiday club. We are obliged to open for 38 weeks per academic year and provide the following amount of weeks and hours of EYE during the funded terms. The difference in hours relates to if you will be entitled to 15 or 30 hours a week

**The breakdown of these weeks and hours are as follows:**

Winter Term: 1<sup>st</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> December – 14 weeks = 165 or 330 hours

Spring Term: 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March – 11 weeks = 210 or 420 hours

Summer Term: 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> August – 16 weeks = 195 or 390 hours

Please note you do not have to use your whole early years entitlement. If you choose not to use it we cannot bank it. We are only entitled to claim the hours you require. We can however, stretch any unused hours from the summer term into our optional holiday club which runs for the first 3.5 weeks of the summer holidays.

There is also a period of time when we are open in the spring term which is not funded. You are entitled not to bring your child/ren in for this period and you will not be charged.

### **When are fees payable?**

We send our invoices out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month (unless we are on holiday). Fees must be paid within 7 days of invoices being sent via our EY Log system. Our invoices are protected with a password which is given to you at the bottom of the invoice email. Each invoice is completely transparent in itemising the funded hours, non-funded hours and the additional service fees. As per our terms and conditions all fees are payable regardless of absence during term time. There is no charge for school holidays and bank holidays.

### **Wiltshire Council better2gether funding.**

Otherwise known as 2 year funding. If you are claiming this through The Learning Meadow the local authority will issue extra funding from time to time to help with rising food and household costs. We will contact you if you have been allocated this funding and offer you a food voucher or pay for your nursery lunches from this funding.

### **Early Years Pupil Premium (EYPP) or Disability Access Funding (DAF)**

EYPP is additional funding available to support us to deliver funded hours to children meeting the Wiltshire council criteria. An example of eligibility include families accessing income support, income based job seekers allowance, currently a looked after child or a child under special guardianship.

DAF is available to support disabled children's access to the EYE. The criteria to access this is that a child must be in receipt of Disability Living Allowance and the child received 15 hours of EYE.

Please contact The Learning Meadow if we can help with any further funding information.

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