

91: Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE) Policy

At Small Wonders Day Nurseries Ltd we currently provide FEEE places for children from nine months to four years old. When you register your child for their FEEE place we will discuss your needs and, as far as possible with availability and staffing arrangements, we will accommodate your wishes. These places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, beginning the term following your child's eligibility.

FEEE is available for 38 weeks per year only with the option to spread it over 51 weeks. An allowance of 10 hours FEEE will be applied to between 8.30am-6.30pm. On FEEE days, when childcare is required before 8.30am there will a breakfast club fee of £11.31 for under 2 year olds and £10.50 for over 2 year olds. Days when FEEE are not applicable will be charged at the full day rate.

The nursery operates an 11 hour day. The hourly rate applicable to your child's age is the daily rate divided by 11 hours.

- Under 2 years £83 per day which equates to £7.54 per hour
- Over 2 years £77 per day which equates to £7.00 per hour

A voluntary contribution will be requested to cover consumables for meals and snacks, **during FEEE hours for children who are 3 and 4 years old**. The contribution will be £3 per meal and £0.70 per snack. If you choose not to pay the voluntary contribution for meals and snacks you may provide your own meals and snacks for the day, adhering to our food policy. An agreement will be drawn up to specify the days when meals will be required.

Example formula for invoice calculations

- Number of days per week x 11 hours per day x weeks attended in the calculation period
- Total attendance hours less FEEE hours applied for the calculation period (e.g. 30 hours per week x 38 weeks)
- Balance of hours x hourly rate applicable to child's age
- Plus consumables (for 3 & 4 yrs)
- Total will be divided into equal monthly payments for the calculation period

An example: Child age 3 years attending Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday on a full time basis using 30 hours FEEE for 38 weeks

Bill Period 1st April -31st March

- 3 days x 11 hours x 51 weeks = 1683 hours
1 days x 11 hours x 1 week = 11 hours
Total = 1694 attendance hours
- Less FEEE hours applied
 - Summer term 30 hours x 13 weeks
 - Autumn term 30 hours x 14 weeks
 - Spring term 30 hours x 11 weeks
 - Total = 1140 FEEE hours
- 1694 attendance hours – 1140 FEEE hours = 54 hours x £7 per hour = £3878
- Plus consumables = 2 meals x £3 + 2 snacks x £0.75 = £7.40 per day
- 1140 FEEE hours divided by 10 hours a day = 114 days
- 114 days x Consumables at £7.40 per day = £843.60
- £3878 + £843.60 = £4721.60 divided into 12 equal monthly payments of £393.47

For information about support with Childcare Costs visit

<https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-early-years-education>

Example Agreement for provision of own meals between the hours of 8.30am-6.30pm on days when FEEE applies (1st April 2026-31st March 2027)

Name of Child	A Example
Attendance Pattern	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
Total attendance hours	1683 (divided by 11 = 153 days)
FEEE hours claimed	1140 (divided by 10 = 114 days)
Days meals will be provided by Small Wonders	39 days 1st, 2nd April 2026 7 th , 8 th , 9 th , April 2026 26 th , 27 th , 28 th May 2026 21st, 22nd, 23rd July 2026 28 th , 29 th , 30 th July 2026 4 th , 5 th , 6 th , August 2026 11 th , 12 th , 13 th , August 2026 18 th , 19 th , 20 th August 2026 25 th , 26 th , 27 th August 2026 27 th , 28 th , 29 th October 2026 22nd, 23rd, 24 th December 2026 16 th , 17 th , 18 th February 2027 24 th , 25 th , 26 th February 2027 30 th March 2027
Days meals to be provided from home	114 days all remaining days attending which are not listed above
I acknowledge my responsibilities and obligations to provide healthy, meals and snacks on the designated days my child attends.	
Parent Name	
Parent Signature	
Date	