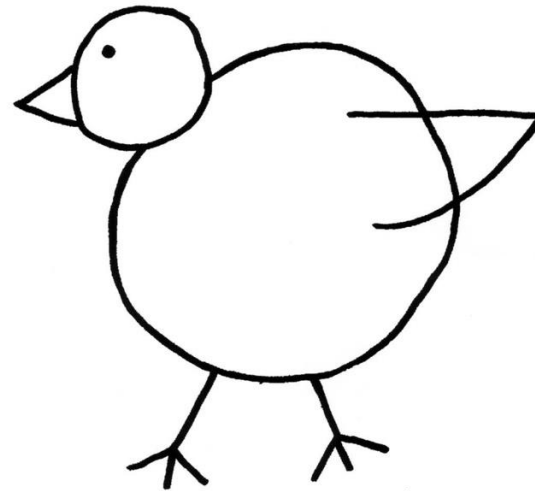


THE EARLY BIRD



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## The Early Bird Pre-School (Wheathampstead)

### Guide to Fees and Funding 2024 - 2025

Applicable from April 2024



**Fees**  
**April 2024 – 38 weeks a year (term time only)**

Times	Session	Hours	Charges – for those not receiving childcare support funding	
			From the term after the child's 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday	From aged 2 until the term after the child's 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday
8.00 – 8.30	Breakfast Club	½ hour	£3.75	£3.75
8.30 – 11.30	Morning session	3 hours	£22.50	£22.50
9.00 – 11.30	Short morning	2.5 hours	£18.75	£18.75
11.30 – 12.15	Lunch club	¾ hour	£5.63	£5.63
12.15 – 3.15	Afternoon session	3 hours	£22.50	£22.50

Additional Charges: -

- all families will be invoiced for snack fund at £10 per half term.
- Optional holiday clubs.

**Government funding support available (April 2024) – 38 weeks a year (term time)**  
**(please check [www.childcarechoices.gov](http://www.childcarechoices.gov) for eligibility and to apply for your code)**

At Early Birds, families will be able to access their childcare support entitlement from the term after their second birthday.

**Childcare support for 2-year-olds – working families**

Families of 2-year-olds who are working may be entitled to **15 hours per week** across 38 weeks.

**Childcare support for 2-year-olds - supported families**

Families of 2-year-olds who receive additional government support may be entitled to **15 hours per week** across 38 weeks. If the snack fund additional charge is a barrier to your child receiving their entitlement please speak to us, we may be able to help.

**Universal funding for 3–4-year-olds**

All families of 3–4-year-olds are entitled to **15 hours per week** of childcare support across 38 weeks. If the snack fund additional charge is a barrier to your child receiving their entitlement please speak to us, we may be able to help.

**Childcare support for 3–4-year-olds – working families**

Working families with a 3–4-year-old may be entitled to an additional 15 hours childcare support per week (**30 hours per week in total**) across 38 weeks.

**Once you have your code you can use your entitlement as follows (subject to availability): -**

15 hours per week entitlement (38 weeks of year – term time)	30 hours entitlement (38 weeks of year – term time)
5 x morning or afternoon sessions	5 x sessions (8.30 – 2.30)
4 x morning or afternoon sessions with lunch	

**You can start your entitlement from the term following your child's 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday (on receiving a signed acceptance of place form)**

Birth date falls between	Entitlement Start date
1 <sup>st</sup> January – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> April
1 <sup>st</sup> April – 31 <sup>st</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> September
1 <sup>st</sup> September – 31 <sup>st</sup> December	1 <sup>st</sup> January

**Fees**  
**September 2024 – 38 weeks a year (term time only)**

Times	Session	Hours	Charges			
			3 years plus – hours above any entitlement	2 - 3 years – hours above any entitlement	Under 2's – hours above any entitlement	Additional Care charge – all children
8.00 – 8.30	Breakfast Club	½ hour	£3.75	£4.50	£5.50	50p
8.30 – 11.30	Morning session	3 hours	£22.50	£27	£33	£1
11.30 – 12.30	Lunch club	1 hour	£7.50	£9	£11	50p
12.30 – 3.30	Afternoon session	3 hours	£22.50	£27	£33	£1

**Care Charge Note**

The funding we receive from the government only allows us to cover the cost of staffing within government guidelines and building costs. To ensure sustainability of our pre-school the care charge will be added to your invoice and contributes towards snacks, cooking ingredients, daily play-doh ingredients, wipes, tissues, toilet rolls, hand wash, sun cream, cleaning products and other consumables.

Please supply own nappies. If you would like a particular brand of wipes, please supply these alongside nappies.

**Government funding support available (September 2024) – 38 weeks a year (term time)**  
 (please check [www.childcarechoices.gov](http://www.childcarechoices.gov) for eligibility and to apply for your code)

At Early Birds, families will be able to access their childcare support entitlement from the term after their child's first birthday.

**Childcare support for 1 – 2-year-olds – working families**

Families of children aged over one who are working may be entitled to **15 hours per week** across 38 weeks.

**Childcare support for 2-year-olds - supported families**

Families of 2-year-olds who receive additional government support may be entitled to **15 hours per week** across 38 weeks. If the care charge or deposit is a barrier to your child receiving their entitlement please speak to us, we may be able to help.

**Universal funding for 3–4-year-olds**

All families of 3–4-year-olds are entitled to **15 hours per week** of childcare support across 38 weeks. If the care charge or deposit is a barrier to your child receiving their entitlement please speak to us, we may be able to help

**Childcare support for 3–4-year-olds – working families**

Working families with a 3–4-year-old may be entitled to an additional 15 hours childcare support per week (**30 hours per week in total**) across 38 weeks.

**Once you have your code you can use your entitlement as follows (subject to availability): -**

15 hours per week entitlement (38 weeks of year – term time)	30 hours entitlement (38 weeks of year – term time)
5 x morning or afternoon sessions	5 x sessions (8.30 – 2.30)
4 x morning or afternoon sessions with lunch	4 x full days (8 – 3.30)
2 x full days (8.00 – 3.30)	

You can start your entitlement from the term following your child's 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday (on receiving a signed acceptance of place form).

Birth date falls between	Entitlement Start date
1 <sup>st</sup> January – 31 <sup>st</sup> March	1 <sup>st</sup> April
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**Holiday clubs** - Subject to interest and minimum numbers we will also be offering a holiday club for one week during the Easter holidays and two weeks in the summer holidays. If this is popular, and subject to demand, this could be increased.

**Refundable Deposit** – Once offered a place we require a refundable deposit of £25 to secure your space. This will be refunded to you on completion of one month at Early Bird. This is non-refundable if you decide not to take up your place.

**Notice Period** – we require a minimum of 6 weeks' notice to terminate your contract with Early Bird.

**Invoices** – will be sent to you two weeks prior to the start of each half term date. Payment will be due on the first date of each half term.

**Future Plans** – as the government funding support is expanded in September 2025, we would consider opening a teatime slot from 3.30 to 5.00pm subject to parent demand.

TERMS & CONDITIONS APPLY

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