

# 1<sup>st</sup> Stepping Stones Nursery School, 39 Coleridge Road, Walthamstow, E17 6QX

## **Free Early Education/Childcare Entitlement options and additional Fees & Charges**

### **Operating Hours**

The Nursery is open 51 weeks of the year and is closed for 1 week at Christmas.

Our opening times are 8am to 6pm Monday to Friday, offering sessions of 10hrs of childcare per day.

We operate full day sessions 8am to 6pm, and half day sessions between 8am and 1pm and between 1pm and 6pm.

The Nursery offers places to children from 1 year old until the child reaches statutory school age.

### **Free Early Education Entitlement (FEEE)**

#### **Free Early Education Entitlement for eligible 2 year olds**

If your child is entitled to a free early education place, they are entitled to 570hrs of free early education per year. We offer their entitlement over 51 weeks per annum which equates to 11.18 hours of free childcare per week or as 38 weeks per annum which equates to 15 hours of free childcare per week. The ways in which this free childcare can be taken are outlined further in the options below.

#### **Universal Free Early Education Entitlement for 3&4 year olds**

All children are entitled to 570hrs of free early education per year from the term after their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Terms begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 1<sup>st</sup> April and 1<sup>st</sup> September. We offer your entitlement over 51 weeks per annum which equates to 11.18 hours of free childcare per week or 38 weeks per annum which equates to 15 hours of free childcare per week. The ways in which this free childcare can be taken are outlined further in the options below.

#### **Extended Free early education Entitlement for working parents**

If your child is entitled to the extended free early education place for working parents, they are entitled to 1140hrs of free early education per year. We offer this entitlement over 51 weeks per annum which equates to 22.35 hours of free childcare per week or 38 weeks per annum which equates to 30 hours of free childcare per week. The ways in which this free childcare can be taken are outlined further in the options below.

### **Charges for Childcare**

Hours in addition to the Free Early Education Entitlement can be purchased, subject to availability, between 8am-6pm at a cost of £8 per hour.

Parents/carers do not have to take up additional childcare hours in addition to their free early education and childcare hours in order to access their free early education and childcare hours but can request these should they want to.

## Additional Charges

### Meals and Snacks

Meals and snacks are provided at no extra charge and are included in fees and funding hours.

### Consumables

Parents/carers are required to provide nappies, wipes, and suncream for their child.

### Activities

Additional charges will apply for special outings and activities, such as trips to the zoo, cinema, or other external venues and this will be communicated to the parents/carers in advance.

Parents/Carers can opt out of these special outings and activities.

## **Options for those 1, 2, 3 & 4 year olds entitled to 1140hrs of Free Early Education per year (working families entitlement) - subject to availability**

The Government do not allow parents/carers to take up more than 10 hours of free childcare per day per day.

Working parents/carers who want to just take up their free early education and childcare hours can do this, and are able to take this up as 20 hours per week over 2 days of their choice (at 10 hrs per day between 8am and 6pm, subject to availability), or over 4 days of their choice (at 5hrs per day between 8am – 1pm or 1pm – 6pm) alternative days will be offered where preferred days are not available (subject to availability).

### Option 1:

51 week provision per annum-20 hrs per week ( total 1,020 hrs per annum)

**2 days per week: 2 days between 8am – 6pm**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8am-1pm	5hrs FREE	5hrs FREE			
1pm -6pm	5hrs FREE	5hrs FREE			

*Model above is an example, other days can be arranged subject to availability*

### Option 2:

51 week provision per annum- 20hrs per week (total 1020 hrs per annum)

**4 half day sessions taken during an am or pm session.**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8am-1pm	5hrs FREE	5hrs FREE	5hrs FREE	5hrs FREE	
1pm -6pm					

*Model above is an example, other days can be arranged subject to availability*

Entitlement to a free place does not offer a guarantee of a place at any one provider. Parents/carers are therefore able to take up the remaining balance of their free early education entitlement (2.35 hours per week) with an alternative provider opened for the same number of weeks per year, should they choose to ensure that they are able

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to take up their full free early education and childcare entitlement hours\* across two providers.

Where parents/carers choose to purchase childcare hours which are in addition to/outside of their free early education and childcare hours\*, these will be charged as set out below:

Attendance Days	Total attendance hrs per week	Free childcare hours per week	Paid additional childcare hours per week	Charge per hr for charged childcare	Total charge per week
1	10	10	0	£8.00	£0.00
2	20	20	0	£8.00	£0.00
3	30	22.35	7.65	£8.00	£61.20
4	40	22.35	17.65	£8.00	£141.20
5	50	22.35	27.65	£8.00	£221.20

## **Options for those 2,3 & 4 year olds entitled to take up 570 hrs of Free Early Education per year - subject to availability**

### **Option 1**

51 week provision per annum- 10hrs per week (total 510 hrs per annum)

If you do not want to take up all of your entitlement, we offer an option of one day per week. The Government do not allow parents/carers to take up more than 10 hours of free childcare per day per day. This does not mean that you lose the rest of your weekly entitlement; you can still take it up at an alternative provider if you wish to.

### **One day per week**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>8am-1pm</b>	<b>5hrs FREE</b>				
<b>1pm -6pm</b>	<b>5hrs FREE</b>				

Model above is an example, other days can be arranged subject to availability

Parents/carers are therefore able to take up the remaining balance of their free early education entitlement (1.18 hours per week) with an alternative provider opened for the same number of weeks per year, should they choose to ensure that they are able to take up their full free early education and childcare entitlement hours\* across two providers.

Where parents/carers choose to purchase childcare hours which are in addition to/outside of their free early education and childcare hours\*, these will be charged as set out below:

Attendance Days	Total attendance hrs per week	Free childcare hours per week	Paid additional childcare hours per week	Charge per hr for charged childcare	Total charge per week
1	10	10	0	£8.00	£0.00
2	20	11.18	0	£8.00	£0.00
3	30	11.18	18.82	£8.00	£150.56
4	40	11.18	28.82	£8.00	£230.56
5	50	11.18	38.82	£8.00	£310.56

### Term Time Options

38 weeks provision (term time only) 15hrs per week (total 570hrs per annum)

Parents/Carers can take up their 15hrs using either of the following options during term time:

- 3 mornings 8am-1pm (5hrs session)
- 3 afternoons 1pm-6pm (5hrs session)
- 1 full day (10hrs session between 8am-6pm) and a half day (5hrs between 8am -1pm or 1pm - 6pm)

Example

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8am -1pm	5hrs FREE	5hrs FREE	5hrs FREE		
1pm -6pm	5hrs FREE	5hrs FREE	5hrs FREE		

*Model above is an example, other days can be arranged subject to availability*

38 week provision (term time only) 30hrs per week (total 1140hrs per annum)

Parents/Carers can take up their 30hrs using the following options during term time:

- 3 Full days (10hrs between 8am – 6pm over 3days)

Example

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8am -1pm	5hrs FREE	5hrs FREE	5hrs FREE		
1pm -6pm	5hrs FREE	5hrs FREE	5hrs FREE		

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Parents/carers do not have to take up additional childcare hours in addition to the 15/30 hours of free early education and childcare hours offered per week but can request these should they want to.

Where parents/carers choose to purchase childcare hours which are in addition to/outside of their free early education and childcare hours, these will be charged at **£8per hour.**