

Government Funding

Free Early Education (FEE), Free Early Education for Two Years Olds (FEET), or Early Years Education (EYE).

Government funding (FEE) is available for all 3 and 4 years olds starting the term after their 3rd birthday (1st Jan - 31st March, 1st April - 31st Aug, 1st Sept - 31st Dec). Some 2 year olds may be eligible for government funding (FEET) the term after their 2nd birthday.

Each eligible child is entitled to 15 hours of government funding per week for 38 weeks of the year (term time only), or 11 hours of funding per week for 51 weeks of the year.

Any children attending more than 11 or 15 hours per week will have the government funding deducted from their bills; parents/carers will then be required to pay the remaining amount of the normal fees (additional fees apply for meals).

Parents/carers do not have to apply for the 3 and 4 year old funding; they will simply need to complete a funding registration form once their child is eligible. Parents/carers of 2 year olds are required to check whether they are eligible for FEET funding by checking on their local council website and applying online.

If you would like more information about funding then please do not hesitate to contact us. All of our managers are happy to answer any questions that you may have.



Providing Outstanding Childcare 51 Weeks of the Year



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Thank you for your interest in Playdays Nursery.

Playdays Nursery was first established in 2007 and has since built up a great reputation for offering top quality and flexible childcare.

We understand that choosing someone to care for your child is an important and extremely difficult decision to make, so you are bound to feel a little apprehensive – we all do! This is why it's important to make sure you make the right choice the first time. Playdays nurseries pride themselves on ensuring that your child is cared for in a safe, loving and stimulating environment with a home away from home feel. We provide individual care and attention for every child, helping both them and you, feel happy and confident that you have made the right choice.

Our nurseries currently operate from three sites; South Woodford, Farnborough and Blindley Heath. All of our locations are Ofsted registered and inspected. Each nursery has received a judgement each of Good or Outstanding. Our nurseries are led by qualified and experienced managers, who are supported by a team of highly qualified, motivated and dedicated practitioners.

This pack will provide information about what our nurseries offer. However, the best way to see what our nurseries have to offer, and to understand how we can suit the needs of your family, is to arrange a visit to the nursery you are considering. Our nursery managers would be delighted to discuss what you are looking for and show you around the setting, so that you can see first-hand what we have to offer. Please feel free to call your required nursery and arrange a visit.



What We Provide

All our nurseries are open for 51 weeks of the year; the nurseries will be closed for all bank holidays and for the week between Christmas and the first working day of the New Year. Each nursery offers care for children either all year (51 weeks) or term time only (38 weeks). We understand that having flexible childcare is one of the key things parents look for when choosing a nursery. This is why we offer flexible childcare and have a variety of sessions on offer. Please contact your required nursery to find out what sessions they offer.

Playdays Nurseries provide an all-inclusive service for families. Formula milk is provided for all babies under the age of 1, nappies, wipes and cream are also provided for all children until the age of three and cow's milk or soya milk is provided for all children over the age of 1. We provide freshly prepared hot meals and puddings for lunch; we also provide tea and snacks (fees for lunch and tea apply for children attending funded only sessions).

In addition to the activities and learning opportunities children receive day to day, each nursery also offers extra-curricular activities in which qualified teachers and companies visit to provide additional learning experiences. All of these extra activities are provided at no additional cost to you.



Learning and Development

Playdays Nurseries follow the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), this guidance is documentation that all early years' professionals use to support practice for children from birth to 5 years. A child's Early Years are the most important years of their lives, the way in which they develop and the skills they acquire set them up for future successes and challenges. We at Playdays encourage a child's learning and development through individually planned activities, helping each child to achieve their full potential and aiding them to become school ready from birth up until the age of 5. Their Early Years experiences should be happy, active, exciting, fun and secure; while supporting their development, care and learning needs.

In 2012 the EYFS framework was revised and now recognises the role that parents and carers play within the development of their child. Therefore, our nurseries ensure that they work closely with all families, making sure that as much information as possible is being shared between the nursery and the child's family. All nurseries use electronic learning journal systems to record observations and to monitor each individual child's learning and development within the EYFS.

We actively plan the development of each child that enrolls at a Playdays Nursery. Planning is done on an individual basis, taking into consideration the child's age and stage of development. The nurseries operate under a key person system, it is this person who monitors the child's progress and makes sure that they are being provided with the correct support, to allow them to continue to progress further and to reach their full potential, as well as building strong bonds to help settle your child and aid them to have the confidence to develop their own peer relationships.

It is important that Playdays continue to have highly qualified practitioners, to maintain high standards of care, providing a wealth of knowledge and experience, which they can contribute to the setting that they are working at. To maintain these standards, we ensure our practitioners are sent on a variety of training courses, enhancing their knowledge, keeping practices up to date and supporting any new situations that may arise. During these very important years of a child's development, it is paramount that all children are provided with the best opportunities, ensuring they achieve their full potential. In order to achieve this, children are provided with an environment which they can feel safe, secure, happy and supported, but also challenged, enabling them to push their development further and we pride ourselves on achieving this.

Food and Nutrition



At Playdays we aid independence and learning opportunities by encouraging children to serve their own meals, prepare their own snacks and by allowing younger babies to have the opportunities to feed themselves.

Playdays nurseries provide healthy and nutritious breakfasts, lunches, afternoon tea and snacks. Some of our nurseries have meals provided daily by Zebedee's Lunch Box which is a privately owned contract catering company, who specialise in the supply of healthy, nutritious meals for schools and nurseries. All of Zebedee's menus are approved by a Paediatric Dietician and cater for all dietary requirements. The nursery that does not have Zebedee's has its meals prepared freshly onsite by a qualified and experienced chef. Each nursery will be able to provide you with information of the meals that the children are being given.

Safe and Sound

Children's safety is one of our paramount concerns and it is vital that parents/carers feel happy and confident that they are leaving their children in a safe and secure environment without any concerns. All of our staff are recruited with particular care and attention, references are fully investigated and every member of staff has to undergo a DBS check before being allowed to work independently with the children. We welcome students and apprentices to work within the nursery and support them in gaining the qualification that they are working towards; all students remain under the supervision of a senior member of staff who has a relevant DBS check. Only people who are known to staff are allowed into the nurseries. If someone unknown to the setting arrives, then they will not be allowed to enter the premises until it is confirmed they have an appointment, suitable ID or are on the approved parental collection list. All parents and carers are requested not to allow anyone into the nurseries when they enter or leave, unless a member of staff is at the door to confirm it is ok. All of our nurseries have 24 hour CCTV in operation. The CCTV is in place to protect both children and staff.