

Number 9 The Nursery Funding Offering

At **Number 9 The Nursery**, we have **stretched the government-funded 15 or 30 hours** over the full year. This aligns the government's funding with our operating hours, as we do not offer term-time-only places.

Under our stretched funding model:

- **15 hours** of funding are provided as **11 hours per week (2 Half Day Morning Sessions)**
- **30 hours** of funding are provided as **22 hours per week (4 Half Day Morning Sessions)**

Our **fully funded morning sessions run from 7:30 AM to 1:00 PM (5.5 Hours)**, five days a week.

Additional afternoon sessions are available to purchase at **£45.95** per session.

- **Please note: if you opt for your child to attend 3 days a week, only 16.5 hours of your stretched funded hours will be used (3 fully funded mornings).**

To apply for a fully funded place (morning sessions only), please email manager@number9thenursery.co.uk with the mornings you would like.

MEALS, NON-CONSUMABLES & EXTRA ACTIVITIES

Early Years Funding provided by the government is intended to cover **childcare only**. It does not include the cost of meals, snacks, nappies, wipes, non-consumable supplies, or the enriching extra activities we offer. The Department for Education (DfE) has made some changes to the statutory guidance around provider charges. In line with this, there must not be any mandatory extra charges for parents in relation to using their free funded hours.

At Number 9, we believe that every child deserves a complete and fulfilling early years' experience—one that goes far beyond basic care. That's why we've chosen **not** to apply additional charges for non-consumables or extra activities when using funded hours. We provide **Babyballet lessons, Music Lessons, Sing and Sign, Pro-Stars, and French classes**, and regular special events! Throughout the year, children also enjoy exciting farm and animal visits—we've welcomed ponies, reptiles, owls, and even reindeer! We want all children to benefit equally from everything we offer and for parents to have peace of mind without the added responsibility of sending in supplies or missing out on these special experiences.

However, to maintain our high standards in food and nutrition, we ask parents for a non-mandatory contribution of £6.50 per fully funded session to cover the cost of meals and snacks.

Our commitment to nutrition is a core part of what we do. Our menus are thoughtfully created with the help of nutrition experts to meet the dietary needs of growing children, and we pride ourselves on offering restaurant-quality meals that are both nourishing and delicious. Mealtimes at Number 9 are not just about food—they are social, educational, and joyful parts of the day where children learn table manners, explore new tastes, and develop healthy habits for life.

We greatly appreciate parents' support in helping us maintain the high-quality experience we are so proud to provide at Number 9. Please email manager@number9thenursery.co.uk if you would like to discuss this further.



GOVERNMENT FUNDING AVAILABLE

30 Hours Free Childcare for Eligible Working Families: For children aged 9 months to 4 years

Working parents of children aged 9 months to 4 years old may be eligible for up to 30 hours of free childcare. This support is available from the start of the term after your child turns 9 months old. Check your eligibility and apply at: <http://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-support-available>

15 Hours Free Childcare for Families with 2-Year-Olds Receiving Additional Government Support

Eligible families of 2-year-old children can get 15 hours of free childcare per week from the start of the term after their child turns 2 years old.

Check your eligibility and apply at: <http://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/childcare-support-available>

3 and 4-Year-Olds (Universal Funding)

From the first term following their third birthday, all 3 and 4-year-olds are entitled to 15 hours of funded childcare per week. This universal entitlement is available to all families, regardless of income or working status.

TAX FREE CHILDCARE

Get 20% top-up from the government to use towards nursery fees and extras

Find out more and apply at [Tax-Free Childcare - GOV.UK](#)

WHEN CAN YOU APPLY FOR FUNDING

For each funding age category, funding begins from the term following the child's birthday or once they turn nine months old.

When Your Child Turns the Relevant Age	When You Can Claim Funded Hours	When to Apply
1 January to 31 March	Term starting on or after 1 April	The term before the 1 st April
1 April to 31 August	Term starting on or after 1 September	The term before the 1 st September
1 September to 31 December	Term starting on or after 1 January	The term before the 1 st January

