

St Margarets Montessori Fee Sheet

Fees effective from 1st September 2025:

Our standard opening hours are from 9:00am to 3:00pm, but we offer an early drop-off at 8am and a later pick-up option until 4pm.

Please visit our website at www.riversidenurseryschools.com for full details on closure weeks.

Our fees are calculated to take this into account, and reflect a full year divided by three, so you will pay the same amount each term. The nursery fees are reviewed each year in line with changes to operational costs.

Please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for details on how to access any Government funded entitlement your child may be eligible for.

Riverside Nursery - St Margarets Montessori			
Attendance Schedule	Termly Fee	Fee with 15 Hours Funding applied	Fee with Extended funding applied
	<i>All ages</i>	<i>All ages</i>	<i>All ages</i>
10 Sessions per week	£4,675	£3,570	£2,465
9 Sessions per week	£4,300	£3,195	£2,311
8 Sessions per week	£3,860	£2,755	£2,092
7 Sessions per week	£3,410	£2,305	£1,863
6 Sessions per week	£2,955	£1,850	£1,629
5 Sessions per week	£2,460	£1,530	N/A

Extra Session (per)	£54
Hourly Rate	£18

A place at our nursery is subject to payment of our non-refundable registration fee of £200. A £500 deposit is also required upon acceptance of your child's place and is returned to you when they leave the nursery, provided the correct notice has been given.

Government funding only covers the cost of the provision of childcare and the delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS).

The funding does not include any of the other services that our nurseries provide, which include, but are not limited to:

- Snacks
- Additional hours
- Early starts or late finishes
- Enrichment or extracurricular activities
- Administration costs
- Access to our parent app
- As well as all those little extras that make our nurseries so special!

We therefore ask parents to pay for these with our consumables charge, called an 'Extras and Essentials' fee, during applicable sessions. This ensures that the quality of care and service we offer is protected for all our children and parents. Details on how our fees are structured can be found at www.riversidenurseryschools.com.

The fees above show the amount you will need to pay for your child's place. This is a combination of funded hours, 'Extras and Essentials' charges in relation to your child's booking pattern, and sessions that are not covered by Government funding.

We charge £28 per session for consumables, specialised education and extracurricular activities, which are not covered by the standard funding entitlement. This charge is included in the fees as shown above.

Please note our Extracurricular activities (*Peri-sessions*) include Yoga, Sports and music. Any other clubs, including Forest School, Intergenerational project, etc., will be chargeable on a termly basis in addition to the school fees.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Extras and Essentials / Additional Services Fee:

Whilst this charge remains voluntary, if parents refuse or are unable to pay the 'Extras and Essentials' fee, then they will need to speak to our Admissions Manager to discuss further. There is both an operational and financial impact on the nursery when this is not paid.

We do offer Fully Funded, or Funded Entitlement Only (FEO) places which are subject to availability and offered in a set booking pattern. The number of these placements available will be dependent on location and availability.

Placements which require no additional costs do have an operational and financial impact on our nurseries. Therefore, places such as these are subject to availability. This is to ensure the care we provide for all our children isn't affected, and that our nurseries can continue to operate sustainably.

Giving notice on your child's place:

Notice of the withdrawal of a pupil must be given via email to your Nursery Manager and our Admissions Manager, with at least two months' notice prior to the expected leave date.

Please note, where a Fully Funded place is accessed for your child, the notice period shall be reduced to four weeks.

Tax-free childcare:

Tax-free childcare is a method of paying for childcare costs such as nursery fees and provides a significant saving each month. It can be used alongside both 15 and 30 hours of funding.

We accept tax-free childcare as a payment method at all of our nurseries. You will first need to apply for tax-free childcare at <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Childcare vouchers:

For those that receive childcare vouchers, we accept most of the major providers. Please contact our Admissions Manager to discuss the current scheme you are using.

What is Free Entitlement Funding?

In England, Government funding for childcare primarily comes in the form of the following childcare entitlements:

- Extended 30 hours a week entitlement for three and four-years-olds for eligible working families.
- 15 hours a week universal entitlement for all three and four-year-olds.
- 15 hours a week entitlement for disadvantaged two-year-olds.

What is a Working Parent Entitlement?

Working parents can benefit from 30 hours of funded childcare each week for 38 weeks a year, applicable to children aged 3 and 4. From September 2025, this support will extend to children from 9 months old. This offers a maximum of 1,140 hours annually, available to eligible working families, with eligibility determined by their income and work hours.

You may be eligible to claim Extended FE Funding if:

- Both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a single-parent family)
- Each parent earns a weekly minimum equivalent to 16 hours at national minimum wage, and less than £100,000 per year.
- This includes parents who are employed and self-employed.

If you are not eligible for free childcare for working parents:

All children aged 3 to 4 years are entitled to 15 hours of funding for 38 weeks each year, totalling 570 hours – this is called the Universal Entitlement. Additionally, parents claiming specific benefits may also qualify for 570 hours of childcare funding for their 2-year-olds.

What can you claim?

Children aged 9 months to 2 years with “*Working Parent Entitlement*”:

- 15 hours per week from September 2024 (570 hours per year)
- 30 hours per week from September 2025 (1,140 hours per year)

Children aged 3 to 4 years old with “*Working Parent Entitlement*”:

- 30 hours per week (1,140 hours per year)

Children aged 2 who’s family receives some forms of additional support, also known as a disadvantaged entitlement:

- 15 hours per week (570 hours per year)

Children aged 3 to 4 years old without the working parent element:

- 15 hours per week (570 hours per year)