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Key Steps
Day Nursery

At Key Steps Day Nursery our offering is all-inclusive. Everything from freshly served, homemade meals to nappies, wipes, formulas, sun cream, extra activities and local trips will be provided – making your nursery experience as carefree as possible.

Early Years Entitlement funding

From September 2025 working families with children over 9 months may be eligible for the Extended Entitlement of 1140 funded hours per year. For children who attend Key Steps Day Nursery the funding is applied over 51 weeks of the year. Therefore children may be eligible to a maximum of 22.35 hours per week. Additional hours above funded sessions will be charged at our normal hourly rate. If the sessions that your child attends do not use your full allocation of funding the nursery will discuss options with you to ensure you are able to use the full allocation of funding if you so wish.

If a child starts claiming funding mid academic year the funding amount will be prorated. Please note if you are currently on maternity/paternity leave the date you anticipate returning to work may affect the funding you are entitled to. Please speak to the nursery manager for more information. All children can claim 570 funded hours per year the term after their third birthday.

For children attending sessions funded by the Early Years Entitlement, there are voluntary additional charges which cover everything that Key Steps Day Nursery offers that is above and beyond the EYFS curriculum including meals and other consumables. These additional service charges are applied across the year. Funding is applied across 51 weeks of the year and will be divided equally across the year so invoices will stay annualised for ease. Discounts will still be applied to sessions if applicable.

Fees

Effective from 1st September 2026
(Excluding funded fees)

Standard day	
8.00am–6.00pm	£86.00 (£8.60 per hour)
Early start	
7.30am–8.00am	£7.50

Voluntary additional service charges per hour (funded fees)

Food charges	£2
Non-food consumables and activities	£0.50

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The breakdown of our monthly nursery fees for children claiming 22.35 hours of funding per week and accessing all voluntary additional charges

	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days
Standard day	£212.51	£517.10	£838.47	£1154.49
Max funding	20 hrs	22.35hrs	22.35hrs	22.35hrs
Discount applied			5%	7.5%

The breakdown of our monthly nursery fees for children claiming 11.17 hours of funding per week and accessing all voluntary additional charges

	2 days	3 days	4 days	5 days
Standard day	£441.45	£806.95	£1113.83	£1422.60
Discount applied			5%	7.5%

Additional information

When is the nursery open and what sessions are offered?

Our standard opening hours are 8.00am-6.00pm, whilst offering the option to extend the day from 7.30am by request and there being sufficient demand to justify opening the nursery at these times. The nursery is open Monday to Friday 51 weeks of the year, excluding bank and public holidays. The nursery closes for one week between Christmas and New Year.

Booking early starts can be done on both a permanent or ad hoc arrangement but must be booked two weeks in advance of the requested date. These can be booked through Famly

Can we book ad hoc days if needed?

Yes, at Key Steps we will always try and accommodate any requests. Subject to availability, you can request ad hoc days at our standard daily rate. Ad hoc days can be booked a maximum of four weeks before the requested date.

Does the nursery offer any discounts?

At Key Steps we like to support families as much as possible and have introduced a range of discounts. For more information on these go to the discount section on our website or ask the nursery manager.

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How do I book a place for my child?

To register interest in the nursery please contact us directly or send an enquiry through our website. We will then get back to you to discuss the nursery in more detail.

To join our waiting list parents are required to complete an enrolment form. Once your form has been received an email will be sent confirming you are on the waiting list. On accepting a place at the nursery, a prepayment fee of £100 will be required. The prepayment fee will be offset against your first month's bill.

How do I apply for the Early Years funding Entitlement?

For more information about funding please speak with the office who will be more than happy to help you or visit: https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/ to apply for your funding code.
We recommend that you apply as soon as possible for your funding code. **Once you have received your code you will need to reconfirm the details every 3 months to ensure you remain eligible for the funding.** Please note it is not the responsibility of the nursery to remind you.

We will require your funding code, your child's birth certificate and the National Insurance and date of birth for the person linked to the funding code. Without this information we will be unable to apply the funding to your booking.

When will I receive funding?

You will receive funding the term after you meet the eligibility requirements and your child turns the correct age for the funding being applied for.

Dates to be aware of:

Child reaches correct age	Receive funding entitlement from
1st April – 31st August	1st September
1st September – 31st December	1st January
1st January – 31st March	1st April

Please note that if you do not pass codes on to the nursery by the correct cut off date (31st August, 31st December or 31st March) you will not be able to claim funding until the next term starts.

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What is the voluntary additional service charge that is attached to the funded sessions?

The Early Years Entitlement funding is intended to deliver free, high quality childcare. It is not intended to pay for the costs of our nutritional meals, drinks, snacks, nappies (where applicable), sun cream and other consumables or additional activities and trips that the children love to participate in.

To cover this a voluntary additional service charge is applied for funded hours. The charge contributes to all the resources consumed or trips and activities undertaken during the funded sessions. The voluntary additional service charge will be applied for the 51 weeks and will only apply to the funded hours you are claiming. Additional hours above funded sessions will be charged at our normal hourly rate. Any discounts offered will be applied following the funding being deducted.

If you would like your child to attend a funded only session, these sessions are offered over 38 weeks per year, please speak to the office for more information. Parents can choose to opt out of the voluntary additional charges and provide all items from home. These items must be brought to nursery every day that your child is accessing a funded only place and must adhere to our “Parents Guidance for Consumables” policy and our “Food and Drink Policy”.

Why am I not getting 15 or 30 hours of funding per week?

The government offer families 15 (570 per year) or 30 (1140 per year) hours of funding over 38 weeks of the year. As Key Steps Nursery is open for 51 weeks of the year we stretch the funding to cover every week, therefore you will either receive 11.17 hours (11hrs 10mins) or 22.35 hours (22hrs 21mins) of funding per week. This ensures that we are invoicing the same amount every month which helps our families to budget correctly. We have no hidden costs so your invoice will not change throughout the funding year.