



Buttercups Nursery School  
Community Building  
Notaro Way, Huntworth  
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Dear all parents/carers,

A belated happy new year to all our families and a welcome to all our new children and families. We hope that you are settling in well.

### Changes to fees from April 2025

As I'm sure you would expect with the changes to minimum wages and continually rising costs, we are now increasing our rates for those paying hours. On the table below are the session times we offer and the new cost. If you already have a child here that attends different times, then they can remain on that booking but any future bookings must reflect those below. The all day (7am to 6pm) rate includes hot dinner unless we are claiming any funding in which case lunch will be chargeable at normal cost.

| Core Session                  | Under 2 | 2-3 years | 3-4 years | No. of hours |
|-------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|--------------|
| 7am to 1pm                    | £49.80  | £44.34    | £42.28    | 6            |
| 7am to 3pm                    | £66.40  | £59.12    | £56.64    | 8            |
| 7am to 5pm                    | £83.00  | £73.90    | £70.80    | 10           |
| 7am to 6pm                    | £91.30  | £81.29    | £77.88    | 11           |
| 8am to 1pm                    | £41.50  | £36.95    | £35.40    | 5            |
| 8am to 3pm                    | £58.10  | £51.73    | £49.56    | 7            |
| 8am to 5pm                    | £66.40  | £59.12    | £56.64    | 8            |
| 8am to 6pm                    | £83.00  | £73.90    | £70.80    | 10           |
| 9am to 1pm                    | £35.20  | £31.56    | £30.32    | 4            |
| 9am to 3pm                    | £49.80  | £44.34    | £42.48    | 6            |
| 9am to 5pm                    | £66.40  | £59.12    | £56.64    | 8            |
| 9am to 6pm                    | £74.70  | £66.51    | £63.72    | 9            |
| 1pm to 5pm                    | £35.20  | £31.56    | £30.32    | 4            |
| 1pm to 6pm                    | £41.50  | £36.95    | £35.40    | 5            |
| <b>Minimum 2 days a week</b>  |         |           |           |              |
| <b>Minimum 4 hour session</b> |         |           |           |              |

Breakfast £2.00, Morning Snack £1 or free if on consumables, Lunch £3.50, Light Tea £3.00

### Term Time Retainer:

From April 2024 **all new families** who joined Buttercups and chose to book in term time will have seen on their October and February invoices that they are being charged 20% of their weekly hours for each week they do not attend (we are open for 43 weeks, term time children attend for 38 week). This will be calculated by the booked hours including funded hours so if your child attends 30hrs and you choose not to send them through the holidays you will be charged 20% of 30 hours. If you would rather swap so that your child attends for 43 weeks of the year then please email in with a months notice.

## Changes to funding

From September 2025, ALL children of eligible working families over 9 months will be entitled to receive 30 hours per week funded by the government. This will happen in the term **after they turn 9 months** and will be done using a similar process to the one currently used for parents to claim extended hours. i.e. through your government gateway account and by receiving a code.

The term '30 hours a week' is based on children attending 38 weeks a year. If your child attends with us for 43 weeks you can claim 26 hours per week. If you think your child will be eligible and you want to increase their hours before September please get in touch as we are nearly full in all rooms. Places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

A reminder that up until September 25 the usual rule of all three-year-olds who are eligible for the working families entitlement will automatically move to 30 hours funding if they turn 3 before 31<sup>st</sup> March this year.

## Claiming the funding

Applying for working families funding is down to the parent/carer and needs to be done in the term before your child turns 9 months. For further info and how and when to apply please visit the childcare choices website where there is a handy calculator.

Please see the table below for the best time to apply. Once you receive your eligibility code, please email the nursery and we will send you a consent form for completion. Please note until this is done, we can't access the funding so you will not see the deduction on your invoice. **You will then be responsible for renewing your code** every few weeks/months depending on when you are emailed by HMRC.

### When to apply for 15 hours free childcare

You can apply from when your child is 23 weeks old.

| When your child is 9 months old | When you can get your hours from      | When to apply               |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 September to 31 December      | Term starting on or after 1 January   | The term before 1 January   |
| 1 January to 31 March           | Term starting on or after 1 April     | The term before 1 April     |
| 1 April to 31 August            | Term starting on or after 1 September | The term before 1 September |

Check with your childcare provider to find out the exact date your free childcare starts.

Please come and see me or Sarah in the office or email in with any queries to [finance@buttercupsnursery.uk](mailto:finance@buttercupsnursery.uk) regarding the contents of this letter.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Kind Regards



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Manager