



Butterflies

Fee Structure and Fee Policy

The new prices for childcare from 1st August 2026 will be as follows:

	All Ages College Staff Prices	All Ages LSF and Other
Morning	£30.00	£40.00
Afternoon	£30.00	£40.00
Full day	£45.00	£60.00

Policy Statement:

At Butterflies we are committed to delivering high-quality, affordable, and accessible childcare services in line with the statutory guidance on early education and childcare entitlements. This policy outlines how we offer government-funded early education hours, additional charges, and our approach to transparency in invoicing, in accordance with the latest Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory guidance and the Early Education and Childcare Entitlements guidance, effective from 1 April 2025.

Additional Support Entitlement

If your child is eligible for the 15 hour Additional Support Entitlement funding this can be accessed over 3 sessions (ie 3 morning sessions 8.00-1.00) over 38 weeks. Or 2 days 8.00-3.30 over 38 weeks. The consumable fee is waived for all 15 hours additional support funding entitlement. These hours can be accessed without any additional charges.

Working Parents entitlement

If your child is eligible for the Extended Entitlement 30 hours funding , this can be accessed using 3 full days childcare over 40 weeks. (28.5 hours per week)

Additional Charges While the government funding covers the cost of delivering high-quality early education, it does not cover:

- Meals (Mid-morning snack, lunch, afternoon snack). £4.00 per Day
- Additional activities such as trips, extra-curricular experiences, or specialist classes. Cost on an ad-hoc basis

To help parents decide whether to opt in or out of the additional extras charge, we have put together some information about what is included below:

Opt-in Offer

Parents may choose to contribute towards these additional costs, but these charges are entirely optional and are not a condition of accessing a funded place. Reasonable alternatives will be available where possible (e.g., parents may provide a packed lunch instead of purchasing meals).

An additional charge for food for those accessing the extended entitlement (30 hours), will be payable monthly. This fee will be £4.00 per day.

Any additional sessions will be charged at full rate.

Opt-out Alternative

Families who opt out of the additional extras fee will need to provide the meals and snack a day required for the child's funded sessions. The food provided must be in line with our Packed Lunch Policy. Although milk is provided through the nursery milk scheme, parents opting out must provide a milk alternative if their child has a dairy intolerance.

How to opt in/out:

Our setting needs to ensure that it remains financially sustainable, therefore, we must ask parents to opt in/out of the additional charges at the start of each term. This is to allow for business planning. Parents will not be able to opt out of the additional extras charge mid-term. However, should they wish to opt in, they can speak to the setting manager to arrange future payments.

Transparency & Invoicing

To ensure transparency and compliance with statutory guidance, our invoices will clearly itemise the following:

1. Funded entitlement hours received.
2. Additional private paid hours (if applicable).
3. Food charges.
4. Non-food consumable charges.(if applicable)
5. Activity charges (if applicable).

Flexibility of Hours

- Parents will receive clear information on how many funded hours they are entitled to per week.
- There will be no artificial breaks in funded entitlement hours that prevent parents from using their full entitlement in a way that supports their work commitments.
- Patterns of provision will depend on availability within the setting.

Payments of nursery fees using Tax Free childcare and Childcare Vouchers are welcome.

It is the parent's responsibility to ensure that their application to EYEE funding is made in line with the LEA and DFE requirements. Late, incomplete or invalid applications may result in full nursery fees being charged at our normal rates for these sessions.

A notice period of 4 weeks is required. If there is any reduction in weekly sessions or your child leaves Butterflies, 4 weeks' fees will be payable for this period. Fees will be re-calculated to ensure full payment has been received by Butterflies upon leaving.

If Butterflies is forced to close due to severe disruption, or Emergency e.g. extreme weather, notifiable infection, or situations outside the nursery or college's control, fees will remain payable during closure.

Links to guidance

[Early education and childcare - GOV.uk](#)

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