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about
**funding
options**

Davey Day Care's Parent Fees and Funding Brochure

Help with childcare costs:
your need-to-know guide



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Davey Day Care

Our focus, every day is the children and families we serve. The cost of living continues to be a challenge and we appreciate that childcare costs can be a source of worry. There is government support available; let us help you understand what the options are and how to get it.

Here's our guide to funded hours we hope you find it helpful.

What's Available?

- Standard Universal Funded Childcare **11 stretched hours or 15 term-time hours**. Available to all 3 and 4-year-old children, the term after they are 3.
- 2-year-old Funded Childcare **11 stretched hours or 15 term-time hours, the term after a child turns 2 years old** (Eligibility dependent)
- Eligibility Funded Childcare **22 stretched hours or 30 term-time hours** (Eligibility Dependent) – the term after your child is 9 months old **you may** be eligible for this funding - funding is made up of two parts: **11 stretched hours or 15 term-time universal** plus an additional **11 stretched hours or 15 term-time hours extended** dependent on individual family circumstances.

Funded Hours—what you need to know

Universal Funded Childcare for 3 and 4 year olds

All parents of children aged 3 and 4 are entitled to government-funded childcare starting from the term after their child's third birthday, continuing until they begin school.

You can choose one of the following options:

Term-Time Only (38 Weeks per Year)

Total funded hours per year: 570 hours

Maximum hours per week: 15 hours
Available during school term time only.

Or

All-Year Round (51 Weeks per Year)

Total funded hours per year: 561 hours

Maximum hours per week: 11 hours
Spread evenly across 51 weeks of the year.

How to Apply?

Simply contact us to let us know you'd like to use your funded hours at our nursery, and we will guide you through the process.

Funded Childcare 11 & 15 hours the term after 2 years

Some parents may be eligible for **11 or 15 hours of funded childcare** for their 2-year-old, starting from the term after their child's 2nd birthday.

You may qualify if you:

- Receive certain benefits, such as **Income Support** or **Universal Credit**, or
- Your child receives **Disability Living Allowance (DLA)**, or
- Your child has an **Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan**

How do I get it?

You will need to **apply through your local council** to access this funding. For more information and to apply, visit: [Funded early education for over 9 months up to 2 year olds | West Northamptonshire Council](#)

Funded Childcare 22 or 30 hours

You may be eligible for **an additional 11 or 15 hours** of funded childcare, on top of the universal entitlement. This gives a total of **22 or 30 hours of funded childcare** per week, starting from the **term after your child turns 9 months old**, provided you meet the government's eligibility criteria set by the government.

What do I need to do?

Funding is based on your **family's eligibility**, and you must **apply and obtain a valid funding code** within the correct time frame.

To qualify, you must:

- Be **working and earning** at least the equivalent of **16 hours a week** at the national minimum or living wage, and
- Earn **less than £100,000 per year** (per parent).

For couples, **both partners must meet this criteria**. If one parent is not working or earns over £100,000, you will not be eligible.

Note: You may also **not qualify** if you are claiming Universal Credit.

How to Apply

Visit to www.BestStartInLife.gov.uk **check eligibility** and submit your application.

The application takes around **20 minutes**, and you'll need:

- Your **National Insurance number**, or
- A **Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR)** if self-employed.
- Couples must provide details for **both partners**.

If your application is successful, you will receive a **funding code**. **Send the code to us** to secure your child's place at Davey Day Care.

Funded hours at Davey Day Care's

At **Davey Day Care**, we believe in being **open and transparent** about how government-funded childcare works and what is included.

Whilst the funding covers the cost of the childcare place, we believe that there is only one start in life and one chance to maximise your child's opportunities and experiences during their formative years.

Prior to children entering school, 95% of their brain has already developed! At Davey Day Care, "Quality Childcare" is the core of our philosophy for early years education.

We offer two service options. "**Basic package**" where you would opt **OUT** of paying a consumable charge and "**Exclusive package**" where you would opt **IN** to paying a consumable charge.

'Basic Package' – Fully Covered by Government Funding "Opt Out"

The **Basic Package** includes everything that the government funding is intended to cover, including **core childcare provision**. This ensures there are **no additional costs** for funded hours.

What's included:

- ✓ **Core care and learning resources**, such as - Stationery, paints, toiletries, and essential consumables, Toys and resources such as small world figures, role play materials, puzzles, books, and craft supplies, Sand and water play experiences, Loose parts and construction toys.
- ✓ **Staffing costs** – salaries for delivering the **EYFS curriculum**, meeting minimum government ratios.
- ✓ **Essential running costs**, including rent, utilities, business rates, repairs, and maintenance

This list is including but not limited to the above

This package delivers high-quality care at a level that meets all government requirements for funded childcare.

Please note:

Government funding covers the cost of the childcare place but it does not cover the cost of food, consumables and enrichment activities.





Educational Benefits

Through this package, children gain enriched learning experiences that support:

- **Social and emotional development** through celebrations, events, and smaller group sizes
- **Communication skills** via Makaton and structured interactions
- **Practical life and science skills** through hands-on activities like caring for animals, baking, and gardening
- **Physical development** through soft play, Pacesetters, and outdoor exploration
- **Creativity and problem-solving** through arts, crafts, construction toys, and sensory play

By combining **premium care, enriched learning, and exciting experiences**, the **Exclusive Package** ensures your child thrives, while giving families **convenience and confidence**.

Please note: A consumable charge applies to cover these additional services and resources.

“Exclusive package” – Consumable charge applies “Opt In”

At **Davey Day Care**, our **Exclusive Package** is designed to provide an **enhanced experience** for your child, offering additional services, resources, and care beyond the government funded childcare place.

This package includes **everything from our Basic Package**, plus a wide range of extras to ensure your child enjoys the **highest quality care**, enriched **educational opportunities**, and a setting that supports their **learning and development**, while giving you **convenience and peace of mind**.

What's Included in the **Exclusive Package**

Meals & Consumables:

- ✓ Freshly prepared snacks, lunch, and dinner by our on-site chefs
- ✓ Wipes, nappy sacks, and sun cream

Special Events & Celebrations:

- ✓ Graduation ceremonies, Summer Fete, Christmas Carols, Easter Egg Hunt
- ✓ Celebrations such as World Book Day, Pancake Day and many more
- ✓ Birthday presents for every child
- ✓ Nursery visitors (fire engine, police officer, soldier, dentist)

Learning & Development Enhancements:

- ✓ Makaton signing to support early communication and inclusion
- ✓ Chicks and butterflies – hands-on learning experiences
- ✓ Low-ratio outings for extra care and supervision
- ✓ Extra-curricular activities including baking, gardening, allotment planting, and bouncy castle play
- ✓ Regular use of our large soft play area
- ✓ Access to **Pacesetters** physical development activities
- ✓ High-quality educational resources to enrich play, creativity, and problem-solving

Premium Care Environment:

- ✓ Staffing levels **below government minimum ratios** for more individual attention
- ✓ **Double the floor space per child**, ensuring freedom to explore
- ✓ Additional high-quality resources for creative and sensory experiences
- ✓ Photographers to capture special moments such as Christmas and Graduation

Convenience & Peace of Mind:

- ✓ Easy updates and communication through **Eylog**, **Messenger** and **Xero** systems

We strongly believe that early years education should be rich, engaging, and full of real-world experiences. To go beyond the basics and provide the quality of care and learning we are proud of, we offer an enhanced provision—which costs more to deliver than government funding provides.

Nursery funding – It's Your Choice

At Davey Day Care, we have always covered the cost of our enhanced provision through a charge called the “Non-Funded EYFS Hour.” This meant we could only offer up to 9 hours of funded care per day.

We are now moving to a new consumables charge system, giving parents the choice to opt in for our **Exclusive Package** or opt out for our **Basic Package**.

This change will also allow us to extend the funded care we can offer, to 10 hours per day.

Our goal is to continue providing funded places, but this is only sustainable if parents understand why we charge a daily funded session consumable fee and choose to continue paying it — as they have been since we opened.

We know our parents choose Davey Day Care because they want their children to benefit from the full experience we offer.

By introducing a daily funded session consumable fee for those accessing our **Exclusive** provision, we can continue to deliver the exceptional care and learning opportunities that we are proud to be known for.

The Government Statutory Guidance states that:

“The funding is intended to cover the cost of delivering the childcare place itself, including:

- Staff wages
- Premises
- Basic learning resources
- Activities required to meet the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) framework

What the Funding Does Not Cover

The guidance explicitly states that the funding does not cover the cost of consumables.”

Opt-Out – “Basic Package”

Parents who choose to **opt-out** will receive:

- Everything included in our **Basic Package**
- Access to the **EYFS provision** as funded by the government
- Their **funded hours** completely free of charge

Important Information About Opting Out

By opting out, parents agree to take full responsibility for providing certain items and services, as outlined below:

✧ **Meals & Snacks:**

Parents must supply all meals and snacks for their child, following our **Food Policy**.

If food provided does not meet our policy requirements, we will ask you to return with a suitable alternative before your child can eat.

✧ **Consumables:**

Parents must provide essential consumable items, including **nappies, wipes, and sun cream**.

If these items run out and we have notified you, you will be required to return promptly with the necessary supplies.

✧ **Limited Enrichment Experiences:**

Some enhanced activities may **not be included**, though we will always ensure a **high standard of care**.

✧ **No Soft Play Access**

✧ **No Nursery Visitor Experiences**, such as visits from:

Firefighters, police officers, soldiers, dentists, and other community professionals.

Excludes everything listed in the **Exclusive package.**

Opt-in – “Exclusive Package”

Parents who opt-in will continue to receive: Everything listed in our **“Exclusive Package”**

Making the best of your Funded Hours!

If your term time only - 38 weeks of the year!



As per the government legislation, children can receive 15 hours funding over a 38 week period, the term after they turn 3 (15hrs x 38 weeks = 570 hours per year) This is called **Universal hours**

Parents can apply for **Extended Funding** starting from the **term after their child turns 9 months old**. This funding combines the **Universal entitlement** with an additional **15 hours of Extended Funding**, giving a total of **30 hours per week** over a **38-week period** (term-time).

How it works:

- **Universal Funding:** 15 hours × 38 weeks = **570 hours per year**
- **Extended Funding:** 15 hours × 38 weeks = **570 hours per year**
- **Total Funding:** 570 + 570 = **1,140 hours per year**

Please note: Extended Funding is **subject to eligibility criteria** set by the government. This allows families to access **additional funded childcare**, supporting both your child’s learning and your family’s childcare needs.

30 hours of funded childcare
adds up to 1,140 fun-filled
hours of play
and learning a year!

Funding Blocks on a Term-Time-Only Contract

	Summer Funding - April to August		Autumn Funding - Sept to Dec		Spring Funding - Jan to March	
15 hrs Universal	13 weeks = 195 total hrs	Max for term 390	14 weeks = 210 total hrs	Max for term 420	11 weeks = 165 total hrs	Max for term 330
15 hrs Extended	13 weeks = 195 total hrs		14 weeks = 210 total hrs		11 weeks = 165 total hrs	

DDC offers a maximum of 10 hours of funding per full day 8 to 6pm or 5 hours per half day or 6 hours per 9am to 3pm.

As explained above we offer two types of packages “**Basic**” or “**Exclusive**”. Either package can be used in conjunction with a **term-time** only contract or a **Stretched** contract.

Making the best of your Funded Hours!

If your all year round Stretched offer - 51 weeks of the year!



As per the government legislation, children can receive 11 hours funding over a 51 week period, the term after they turn 3 (11 hours x 51 weeks = 561 hours per year). This is called **Universal hours**

Parents can apply for **Extended Funding** starting from the **term after their child turns 9 months old**. This funding combines the **Universal entitlement** with an additional **11 hours of Extended Funding**, giving a total of **22 hours per week** over a **51-week period** (Stretched offer).

How it works:

- **Universal Funding:** 11 hours x 51 weeks = **561 hours per year**
- **Extended Funding:** 11 hours x 51 weeks = **561 hours per year**
- **Total Funding:** 561 + 561 = **1,122 hours per year**

Please note: Extended Funding is **subject to eligibility criteria** set by the government. This allows families to access **additional funded childcare**, supporting both your child’s learning and your family’s childcare needs.

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Funding Blocks on a Term-Time-Only Contract

	Summer Funding - April to August		Autumn Funding - Sept to Dec		Spring Funding - Jan to March	
11 hrs Universal	22 weeks = 242 total hrs	Max for term 484	16 weeks = 176 total hrs	Max for term 352	13 weeks = 143 total hrs	Max for term 286
11 hrs Extended	22 weeks = 242 total hrs		16 weeks = 176 total hrs		13 weeks = 143 total hrs	

DDC offers a maximum of 10 hours of funding per full day 8 to 6pm or 5 hours per half day or 6 hours per 9am to 3pm.

As explained above we offer two types of packages “**Basic**” or “**Exclusive**”. Either package can be used in conjunction with a **term-time** only contract or a **Stretched** contract.

Breakdown of Fees!

Entitlement funding

This is subject to your child's eligibility, it is parent/carer's responsibility to ensure they apply to the gov and receive the funding code required from the government by the timeline's nursery state.

Nursery will provide you with a West Northants funding contract which must be complete in advance and by the timeline's stipulated.

If deadlines are not met, parents will not be able to claim funding for that term.

Nursery Sessions & Fees	All children
Full time children 8am to 6pm 5 days per week - Discount of 5%	£ 384.75
Single full day - 8am to 6pm	£ 81.00
Half day morning including snack and lunch 8am to 1pm	£ 46.25
Half day afternoon including tea 1pm to 6pm	£ 46.25
Early start 7.30am to 8am - This is in addition to either a full day or half day	£ 10.00
Individual additional hours - 8 to 9 only	£ 10.00
School hours - 3 years only - 9am to 3pm - including snack and lunch	£ 57.00
Breakfast - Served between 7.30am to 8.30am - in addition to an early start fee	£ 2.00
Late fee - Initial fee of £20 plus £5 for every 10 mins	



Exclusive Package – Consumable charge applies	
Funded Full Day hours 8 to 6pm - 10 hours per day funding + Consumable charge	£24.00
Funded half day AM 8 to 1 - 5 hours per day funding + Consumable charge	£24.00
Funded half day PM 1 to 6 - 5 hours per day funding + Consumable charge	£24.00
Funded school hours 9 to 3 - 6 hours per day funding + Consumable charge	£24.00

For the “**Exclusive Package**” All sessions are set at a consumable charge of £24.00 on a funded session only – there is no consumable charge for hours over your total funded entitlement

If you **Opt out** you will receive the “**Basic Package**” and no consumable charge will apply
You can **NOT** mix the two packages, you either **Opt in** or **Out!**

Example of what your fees and invoicing could look like!

51 Weeks per year Stretched funding

Child A - Opt in of consumables charge

Wednesday and Friday 8am - 6pm

Wednesday and Friday 9am - 10pm																	
		Summer Funding - April to August					Autumn Funding - Sept to Dec				Spring Funding - Jan to March			Annual Breakdown		Mthly Xero Invoice	
		22 weeks = 242 total hrs					16 weeks = 176 total hrs				13 weeks = 143 total hrs						
		Max for term 484					Max for term 352				Max for term 286						
11 hrs Universal		22 weeks = 242 total hrs					16 weeks = 176 total hrs				13 weeks = 143 total hrs						
11 hrs Extended																	
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar				
Total number of sessions across the academic year 8 to 6		Days	9	9	8	9	9	8	9	8	7	8	8	8	£ 8,100.00	£ 675.00	
Funded Entitlement Hours - for session for 8 to 6 session		Funded hour per term	440					320				240			-£ 8,100.00	-£ 675.00	
Total Private Paid Hours at DDC per month		Hrs													£ -	£ -	
Exclusive Package - Consumable Food Charge		£ 12.00													£ 1,200.00	£ 100.00	
Exclusive Package - Consumable - Non Food		£ 5.00	44					32				24			£ 500.00	£ 41.67	
Exclusive Package - Consumable - Enrichment Activities		£ 7.00													£ 700.00	£ 58.33	
Total Amount														£ 2,400.00	£ 200.00		

Child A - Opt out of consumables charge

Wednesday and Friday 8am - 6pm

		Wednesday - Friday - Saturday - Sunday												Annual Breakdown		Mthly Xero Invoice	
		Summer Funding - April to August					Autumn Funding - Sept to Dec				Spring Funding - Jan to March						
		22 weeks = 242 total hrs					16 weeks = 176 total hrs				13 weeks = 143 total hrs						
		Max for term 484					Max for term 352				Max for term 286						
11 hrs Universal	11 hrs Extended	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar				
		9	9	8	9	9	8	9	8	7	8	8	8	£	8,100.00	£	675.00
Total number of sessions across the academic year 8 to 6	Days	440					320				240						
Funded Entitlement Hours - for session for 8 to 6 session	Funded hour per term																
Total Private Paid Hours at DDC per month	Hrs																

Child B - Opt in consumables charge

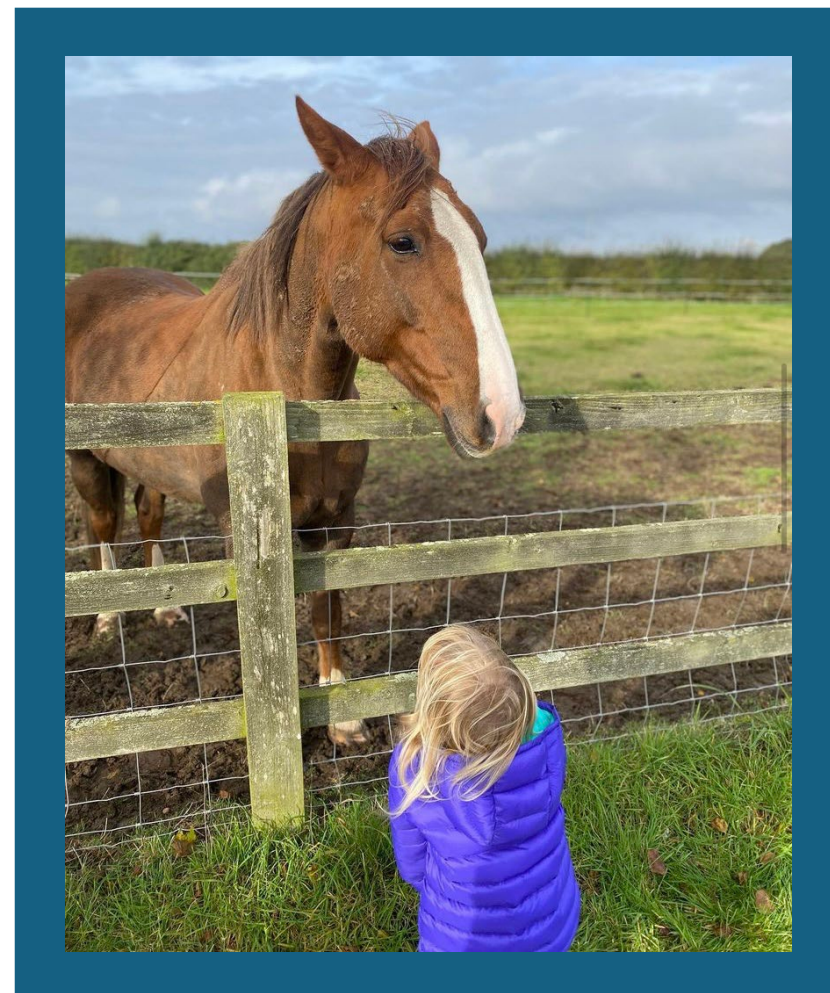
Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm

		Monday to Friday Sam - Open															Annual Breakdown		Mthly Xero Invoice	
		Summer Funding - April to August					Autumn Funding - Sept to Dec					Spring Funding - Jan to March								
		22 weeks = 242 total hrs			Max for term 484		16 weeks = 176 total hrs			Max for term 352		13 weeks = 143 total hrs			Max for term 286					
11 hrs Universal	11 hrs Extended	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar							
Total number of sessions across the academic year 8 to 6		Days	22	22	21	23	21	22	22	20	19	21	20	22	£ 20,655.00	£ 1,721.25				
Funded Entitlement Hours - for session for 8 to 6 session		Funded hour per term	484					352					286					-£ 9,088.20	£ 757.35	
Total Private Paid Hours at DDC per month		Hrs																£ 11,566.80	£ 963.90	
Exclusive Package - Consumable Food Charge		£ 12.00																£ 1,346.40	£ 112.20	
Exclusive Package - Consumable - Non Food		£ 5.00	48					35					29					£ 561.00	£ 46.75	
Exclusive Package - Consumable - Enrichment Activities		£ 7.00																£ 785.40	£ 65.45	
Full time Discount		5.00%																-£ 578.34	£ 48.20	
														Total Amount		£ 13,681.26	£ 1,140.11			

Child B - Opt out consumables charge

Monday to Friday 8am - 6pm

		Summer Funding - April to August					Autumn Funding - Sept to Dec				Spring Funding - Jan to March				Annual Breakdown	Mthly Xero Invoice
		22 weeks = 242 total hrs					16 weeks = 176 total hrs				13 weeks = 143 total hrs					
		Max for term 484					Max for term 352				Max for term 286					
11 hrs Universal																
11 hrs Extended																
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar			
Total number of sessions across the academic year 8 to 6	Days	22	22	21	23	21	22	22	20	19	21	20	22	£ 20,655.00	£ 1,721.25	
Funded Entitlement Hours - for session for 8 to 6 session	Funded hour per term	484					352				286				-£ 9,088.20	-£ 757.35
Total Private Paid Hours at DDC per month	Hrs														£ 11,566.80	£ 963.90
Full time Discount	5.00%														-£ 578.34	-£ 48.20
Total Amount														£ 10,988.46	£ 915.71	



Example of what your fees and invoicing could look like!

38 Weeks per year Term Time Only funding



Child C - Term Time only - opt in the consumables charge

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8am - 6pm

15 hrs Universal 15 hrs Extended		Summer Funding - April to August					Autumn Funding - Sept to Dec				Spring Funding - Jan to March			Annual Breakdown	Mthly Xero Invoice
		13 weeks = 195 total hrs					14 weeks = 210 total hrs				11 weeks = 165 total hrs				
		Max for term 390					Max for term 420				Max for term 330				
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
Total number of sessions across the academic year 8 to 6	Days	6	9	13	10	0	12	10	12	9	12	9	12	£ 9,234.00	£ 769.50
Funded Entitlement Hours - for session for 8 to 6 session	Funded hour per term	380					420				330			-£ 9,153.00	-£ 762.75
Total Private Paid Hours at DDC per month	Hrs													£ 81.00	£ 6.75
Exclusive Package - Consumable Food Charge	£ 12.00	38					42				33			£ 1,356.00	£ 113.00
Exclusive Package - Consumable - Non Food	£ 5.00													£ 565.00	£ 47.08
Exclusive Package - Consumable - Enrichment Activities	£ 7.00													£ 791.00	£ 65.92
Total Amount														£ 2,793.00	£ 232.75

Child C - Term Time only - opt out the consumables charge

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday 8am - 6pm

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday am - 6pm																
		Summer Funding - April to August					Autumn Funding - Sept to Dec				Spring Funding - Jan to March					
15 hrs Universal		13 weeks = 195 total hrs			Max for term 390	14 weeks = 210 total hrs			Max for term 420	11 weeks = 165 total hrs			Max for term 330			
15 hrs Extended		13 weeks = 195 total hrs				14 weeks = 210 total hrs				11 weeks = 165 total hrs						
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Annual Breakdown	Mthly Xero Invoice	
Total number of sessions across the academic year 8 to 6	Days	6	9	13	10	0	12	10	12	9	12	9	12	£ 9,234.00	£ 769.50	
Funded Entitlement Hours - for session for 8 to 6 session	Funded hour per term	390					420				330				-£ 9,234.00	-£ 769.50
Total Private Paid Hours at DDC per month	Hrs														£ -	£ -
Total Amount														£ -	£ -	

Child D - Term Time only - opt in the consumables charge

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday & Friday 8am - 6pm

		Summer Funding - April to August					Autumn Funding - Sept to Dec				Spring Funding - Jan to March								
15 hrs Universal	15 hrs Extended	13 weeks = 195 total hrs					14 weeks = 210 total hrs				11 weeks = 165 total hrs			Annual Breakdown	Mthly Xero Invoice				
		Max for term 390					Max for term 420				Max for term 330								
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar						
Total number of sessions across the academic year 8 to 6		Days												£	12,474.00	£	1,039.50		
Funded Entitlement Hours - for session for 8 to 6 session		Funded hour per term		390										420	330	-£	9,234.00	-£	769.50
Total Private Paid Hours at DDC per month		Hrs														£	3,240.00	£	270.00
Exclusive Package - Consumable Food Charge		£		12.00												£	1,368.00	£	114.00
Exclusive Package - Consumable - Non Food		£		5.00												£	570.00	£	47.50
Exclusive Package - Consumable - Enrichment Activities		£		7.00												£	798.00	£	66.50
													Monthly Payment	£	5,976.00	£	498.00		

Child D - Term Time only - opt out the consumables charge

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday & Friday 8am - 6pm

		Summer Funding - April to August					Autumn Funding - Sept to Dec				Spring Funding - Jan to March				
15 hrs Universal	15 hrs Extended	13 weeks = 195 total hrs					14 weeks = 210 total hrs				11 weeks = 165 total hrs			Annual Breakdown	Mthly Xero Invoice
		Max for term 390					Max for term 420				Max for term 330				
		Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar		
Total number of sessions across the academic year 8 to 6		9	14	16	13	0	16	14	16	12	16	12	16	£ 12,474.00	£ 1,039.50
Funded Entitlement Hours - for session for 8 to 6 session		390					420				330			-£ 9,234.00	-£ 769.50
Total Private Paid Hours at DDC per month		Hrs												£ 3,240.00	£ 270.00

Your Questions Answered!

Do We Offer Totally Free Places?

Yes, we do — although we prefer to describe these as 'funded' places rather than 'free'. Parents can access their funded hours with no additional charges if they choose to. This is called our "**Basic Package**"



However, many families opt for our **Exclusive Package** because it offers excellent value and added convenience.

This package includes everything listed in our Exclusive Package description, ensuring that children benefit from a consistent, high-quality experience, while making things simpler and more manageable for busy parents.

Nurseries in My Area Allow Packed Lunches – Do I Have to Provide Lunch?

At Davey Day Care (DDC), families can choose between our Exclusive Package and Basic Package.

- If you opt for the Exclusive Package, all meals and snacks are provided by us.
- If you opt for the Basic Package, you will be required to bring a packed lunch to cover snack, lunch and tea for your child, following our strict Food Policy (see page ___ for full details).



To ensure the health and safety of all children, any lunch that does not meet our Food Policy requirements must be replaced.

If this happens, you will be asked to return with an alternative meal before lunchtime.

If I Pay for Extra Hours and Don't Use Them, Can I Be Refunded?

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer refunds for unused hours.



This is because we must cover our running costs and staffing to ensure we can continue providing high-quality care for every child at DDC.

Can I Roll Over My Funded Hours Into the Next Term?

Unfortunately, we are unable to roll over funded hours due to local authority regulations.



However, we can stretch your child's funding within the current term to make the most of their entitlement.

When Will My Child Receive Their Funding, and Will My Invoice/Fees Go Down?

At Davey Day Care (DDC), we calculate your child's fees in advance, taking into account any funding they are entitled to for the funding year, which runs from April to March.

The total funding is applied and included within your overall fee calculation.

We then divide this amount equally across the year, so your monthly invoice stays the same.



This means there won't be changes to your invoice when funding starts, as it has already been incorporated into your fees from the beginning.

Changes to Your Circumstances

If your personal circumstances change and you are no longer eligible for funding, we will:

- Provide you with a settlement figure, and
- Recalculate your fees based on your updated funding status.

This ensures that your account remains accurate and up to date.

Do I Have to Pay for Bank Holidays If They Fall on a Day My Child Attends? Can Funding Be Applied to Bank Holidays, or Are They Charged at Full Price?



Yes, bank holidays are fully chargeable, even if they fall on a day your child normally attends.

In line with government legislation, funding cannot be applied to bank holidays, and full fees will apply.

Your Questions Continued!

Why Am I Still Paying Fees in August When My Child Attends Term-Time Only?



For term-time only children, fees are calculated based on 38 weeks per year.

To make payments easier and more manageable, we spread the total cost evenly across 12 months (April to March). This means your monthly invoice remains the same, even during school holidays, such as August, when your child may not be attending.

Can I Use Funding for Additional Ad-Hoc Days or Hours?



No, funding can only be applied to your child's regular booked sessions. Any extra ad-hoc days or hours will be charged at our standard rate and cannot be covered by funding.

Why Are Bank Holidays Chargeable?



Bank holidays are fully chargeable because our running costs remain the same, even when the nursery is closed.

This includes essential expenses such as:

- Building and utility costs – rent, electricity, and maintenance continue regardless of closure
- Resources and equipment – ensuring everything is ready for children when they return

In addition, government funding cannot be applied to bank holidays under national regulations, meaning these days must be charged at full price.

By keeping these charges consistent, we can continue to provide high-quality care and education for all children throughout the year.

Does My Child Need a Water or Milk Bottle?



No, you do not need to send your child with a water or milk bottle. At Davey Day Care, we provide:

- Water bottles for all children throughout the day
- Tommee Tippee and MAAM milk bottles for feeding

To promote healthy habits, we do not allow flavoured water, squash, or other sweetened drinks in the nursery.

I've Missed the Deadline to Apply for My Eligibility Code — Can My Child Still Be Funded?



Eligibility codes only provide funding from the term after you apply.

If you miss the deadline — which falls on the last day of **March, August, and December** — we won't be able to access the funded hours until the following term. If your child is aged 3 or above, you are still entitled to 15 universal funded hours, regardless of whether parents are working.

To remain eligible for 30 hours of funding, HMRC will prompt you to reconfirm your code before the start of a new term. It's important to do this on time to avoid delays in accessing your funding. Once you have your code, please email it to us at:  daveydaycare@yahoo.co.uk We will then check it with the local authority and confirm your child's funded place.

I'm Planning to Take My Child on Holiday — How Will This Affect Funded Childcare?



If your child will be away for up to two weeks, this is usually fine, but we kindly ask that you give as much notice as possible so we can plan accordingly.

If your holiday will be longer than two weeks, please speak to the Manager at Davey Day Care.

We will need to check with the local authority to confirm whether your child's funding can continue during this period.

Your Questions Continued!

How Much Notice Do You Require to Change My Child's Hours at Nursery?



As stated in our Terms and Conditions, we require 4 weeks' notice for any changes to your child's agreed booking plan. If your child receives funding and you give notice midway through a month, the change cannot take effect immediately. Instead, it will be applied from the start of the following whole month, after the 4-week notice period has ended. This process ensures that funding allocations remain accurate and that we can plan our staffing and resources effectively.

Can I Change Between the Basic and Exclusive Packages, and How Much Notice Is Required?



Yes, you can switch between the Basic Package and the Exclusive Package at any time. We require 4 weeks' notice for any changes to ensure we can plan staffing, resources, and funding allocations effectively.

What Is the National Guidance on Staff-to-Child Ratios?



At Davey Day Care, we follow the national guidelines for staffing ratios to ensure children are safe, well-supported, and receive high-quality care.

The required ratios are:

- Under 2 years old: 1 adult to 3 children
- Ages 2 to 3 years: 1 adult to 5 children
- Ages 3 years and above: 1 adult to 8 children

These ratios are set by the government to ensure that every child receives appropriate attention, care, and supervision at all times.

Can I Use My Funding Across Two Settings?



Yes, you can split your child's funded hours between two different settings, as allowed under current government guidelines. However, there are a few important points to be aware of:

- Both Setting must provide the same type of funding either stretched or term time only
- Communication Between Settings: You must inform both settings about how you plan to split the funding, so we can correctly record and claim the appropriate number of hours for your child.

Do I Need to Label My Child's Clothes and Shoes?



Yes, please ensure that all clothes and shoes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Your child's bag can remain at nursery. We will send it home if:

- Any spare clothes from the bag are used, or
- The season changes and more appropriate clothing is needed.

This helps us keep your child's belongings safe and organised.

Can My Child Bring Toys to the Setting?



No, children should not bring personal toys to nursery. Toys can:

- Get broken or lost
- Cause a choking hazard to other children
- Upset children if items go missing or are damaged

Exceptions:

- If your child needs a comforter, blanket, or soft item, please:
 - Label it clearly with their name
 - Inform a member of staff that it is in their bag
- If toys are brought in specifically for a project, please:
 - Label them clearly
 - Keep them in a separate bag

This ensures children's belongings are safe and organised, and all children can enjoy a secure environment.

Davey Day Care – Food Policy for “Basic Package” Families who Opt-Out

At Davey Day Care (DDC), we have a strict Food Policy in place to protect all children and ensure a safe, healthy environment. This policy is especially important as:

- We care for children with a variety of allergies, and
- Food is used as part of our educational programs to encourage healthy habits and learning experiences.

Families who have opted for the Basic Package must adhere to this policy at all times.

What You Must Provide

Depending on the sessions your child attends, you are responsible for supplying the following meals:

Full-Day Sessions 8 to 6:	Half-Day Morning Sessions 8 to 1:	Half-Day Afternoon Sessions 1 to 6:
Morning snack	Morning snack	Afternoon tea
Lunch	Lunch	
Afternoon tea		

Please ensure these meals are packed safely and meet our healthy food guidelines below.

Food NOT allowed:

- Crisps
- Chocolate
- Sweets or confectionery
- Squash or flavoured water

Drinks Provided by DDC

Milk and water are provided by DDC throughout the day.
If you do send a drink, it must be plain water only, *no squash, juice, or flavoured water*

Food Hygiene Requirements

To meet food hygiene requirements, each lunchbox must include an ice pack to keep food at a safe temperature throughout the day. Food will **NOT** be refrigerated. Please ensure your child's lunchbox is clearly labelled.
If a lunchbox is sent without an ice pack or label, we will contact you and ask that you return with the necessary items before mealtime.

Healthy Food Guidelines

We encourage balanced, wholesome meals to support your child's growth and learning. Here are some suggested foods you can include:

Carbohydrates (for energy):

- Wholegrain wraps, pita bread, or sandwiches with healthy fillings
- Pasta or couscous salads
- Brown rice or quinoa
- Wholemeal crackers or breadsticks
- Rice cakes or oatcakes

Fruits & Vegetables (vitamins and fibre):

- Carrot, cucumber, or pepper sticks
- Cherry tomatoes (halved or quartered)
- Steamed broccoli or green beans
- Apple slices (with skin removed if preferred)
- Banana chunks
- Berries (e.g., blueberries, strawberries — cut if needed)
- Grapes (cut lengthways to prevent choking)
- Dried fruit like raisins or apricots (*in moderation*)

Proteins (for growth and development):

- Sliced boiled eggs
- Cooked chicken or turkey slices
- Cheese cubes or cheese sticks
- Natural yogurt or fromage frais
- Hummus or bean dips
- Tuna or salmon (boneless and well-cooked)

Healthy Extras:

- Plain popcorn (*no added salt, sugar, or butter*)
- Wholegrain breakfast bars (*low sugar only*)

Important Note

If a meal does not meet our Food Policy requirements, we will contact you and request that you provide a suitable alternative before mealtime. This policy helps us:

- Keep all children safe, especially those with allergies.
- Promote healthy eating habits.
- Support our educational activities involving food.



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