PLAYWAM

Reg. Charity No: 1206675

# Fees and Funding 2026/27

Playwam is open between 8.45am and 12.30pm during term time (38 weeks). Fees are paid termly in advance and are reviewed annually. As a not for profit setting our aim is to keep our fees as low as possible. The charge for the academic year 2026/27 is £34.00 per session.

Children become eligible for Universal Funding (Early Education Funding) the term after they turn 3 years old. This provides up to 15 hours free childcare each week for 38 weeks per year. Some working families may also be eligible for funding for 2 year olds. Please see https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker for more information.

At Playwam funding is capped at 3 free hours per session with a charge for the remaining 45 minutes. This charge is currently £14.50 per session, during which your child will also be able to access a variety of enrichment activities such a Footie Tots, Wiggle Tiggles, Nature Club, French (preschoolers only) and trips out of the setting. The table below shows how many hours you can claim depending on the number of sessions your child attends.

| Number of sessions per week | Free hours per week | Total charge per week |
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| 2 | 6 | £29.00 |
| 3 | 9 | £43.50 |
| 4 | 12 | £58.00 |
| 5 | 15 | £72.50 |

In order to receive the free hours you will be required to complete a declaration form to enable Playwam to claim the funding on your behalf. This must be returned within the timescales communicated to you. Your invoice will show that the funded hours are free and the total charge for additional hours. If your child is eligible for funding at 2 years old, you will be required to provide us with a valid code.

If you are already using your 15 hours entitlement at another provider, if eligible, you may use a 30 hours code for your 3 free hours per session.

A deposit of £200 is required on confirmation of a place which is deducted from the final term's fees.

Alternative arrangements, including the provision of a limited number of fully funded places may be made on request to the Manager.