



Oliver Thomas Nursery School and Children's centre

Charging policy

Rationale

To inform prospective and current parent's and service users to have information about charges that may be made.

Guidelines

Nursery education

In line with Newham's admissions criteria, we provide 15 hours of FREE nursery education for children the term after their 3rd birthday. We also offer 15 hours of free nursery education for eligible 2 year olds. To check whether your child is eligible, visit www.newham.gov.uk/twoyearoldchildcare. Nursery education is a free government funded entitlement and is paid directly to the school via the local authority funding system when a child begins nursery. Please refer to our admissions policy for further details. We admit children gradually to aid the settling in process. Not all children start on the first day of term.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club is from 8.00 to 8.45. Food is provided. Parent's may sign up for this and will be asked to sign a contract. The charge is £4 per day.

Additional hours

A small number of places are available offering flexible provision over two and a half days instead of five morning or afternoon sessions. Please see our admissions policy for more information. This entails children staying over the lunch period and extends beyond the 15 hour free entitlement. A charge of £4 is made for every additional hour. Children are required to bring a packed lunch.

Educational visits

Occasionally we arrange trips beyond the setting that may incur transport or admission charges. The size of this voluntary contribution is calculated by dividing the cost of the trip by the number of participants. The number of participants includes the parent accompanying a child.

Library

Children are free to borrow a book from the lending library on a daily basis. If a book is lost or badly damaged at home we ask for a nominal contribution to replace it.

Snacks and drinks

Milk and water are provided on a free daily basis. We ask parents to contribute a small piece of fruit on a regular basis to be added to the fruit basket, which is then cut up and shared by all the children.

Financial assistance

If any family has difficulty in meeting any requests for payment, then it may be possible, in some circumstances, for the school to wholly or partially subsidise the said activity. Applications for financial help will be received sympathetically and will be regarded as confidential. The decision to offer financial support for any of the above rests with the head teacher.

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