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Email: [buddinglearners@gmail.com](mailto:buddinglearners@gmail.com)Website: [www.buddinglearners.co.uk](http://www.buddinglearners.co.uk)**BUDDING LEARNERS****Montessori****Pricing Supplement (from September 2025)****for 3/4 year olds Claiming Universal Free Entitlement (up to 15 hours per week)**

Since 2010, the UK government has offered a Universal Entitlement for free early education and childcare, providing 15 hours of free childcare per week for all 3 to 4-year-olds. These initiatives are designed to support families by making early education more accessible and helping children get the best start in life. This free entitlement provision applies for 38 weeks per year only.

In order to check eligibility and apply for the free entitlement, please visit the following government website: <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>.

The free entitlement provision is to be applied for 38 weeks per year up to a maximum of 15 free hours per week. All hours of the day, 5 days a week, are eligible to be provided free of charge under the free entitlement provision with the exception of 10am to 11am every day. Additional hours will be charged at the rates shown in the below tables. Furthermore, the free entitlement covers basic teaching provisions; however, it does not cover the cost of extras such as meals & snack and we thus charge for this separately. Please note that you are not obligated to take these extras as a condition to receive the free entitlement.

The invoices are broken down as follows:

1. Free entitlement per week for 38 weeks per year
2. Additional chargeable hours per week for 38 weeks per year
3. Meals & Snacks per week for 38 weeks per year
4. Full nursery fees for 10 remaining weeks per year

The total fees for the year are calculated as above, and then divided by 48 weeks to give a weekly cost (net of the free entitlement). This effective weekly rate is multiplied by 4.4 to give the monthly cost for all months except August and December. For August and December, the monthly cost is calculated by multiplying the weekly fees by 2. Thus, over the course of the year, the full annual fee (net of the free entitlement) is paid over the course of the 12 months.

**Cost Table – Full Entitlement (maximum of 15 hours free per week)**

| Option Type                      | Hours per Day | Free Hours Per Day | 3 Days - Extra Hour Cost | 4 Days - Extra Hour Cost | 5 Days - Extra Hour Cost | Meals & Snacks per day |
|----------------------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Full Day (8am – 6pm)             | 10            | 9                  | £11.60                   | £10.75                   | £10.40                   | £11.00                 |
| Full Day (8am – 5pm / 9am – 6pm) | 9             | 8                  | £11.80                   | £10.80                   | £10.40                   | £10.50                 |
| Full Day (8am – 4pm / 9am – 5pm) | 8             | 7                  | £13.00                   | £11.60                   | £11.00                   | £10.00                 |
| Full Day (8am – 3pm / 9am – 4pm) | 7             | 6                  | -                        | £12.50                   | £11.60                   | £9.80                  |
| Full Day (9am – 3pm)             | 6             | 5                  | -                        | £14.60                   | £13.10                   | £9.50                  |
| Half Day (8am – 1pm)             | 5             | 4                  | -                        | -                        | £14.60                   | £9.20                  |
| Half Day (1pm – 6pm)             | 5             | 5                  | -                        | -                        | £14.60                   | £5.50                  |

For parents seeking to utilize only government-funded hours, we would like to highlight that the session from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM is the only time slot eligible to be fully covered by government funding, subject to availability. Please note that for these fully-funded sessions, additional services and extras such as school provided snacks, tea-time, music & language classes, and school outings may not be included.

You will find that these rates are higher than for under 3y year olds. As children grow and move into the over-three age group, we strive to provide them with a richer, more diverse range of activities and experiences. This includes special offerings like French lessons and local outings, all designed to enrich their learning experience. Because of these additional opportunities, the hourly rate for over-three-year-olds is slightly higher, reflecting the added value and experiences we provide to support their development.

Should you have any questions regarding your invoice, please do not hesitate to email your queries to [buddinglearners@gmail.com](mailto:buddinglearners@gmail.com).