



## Childcare Pricing Policy – 2026/2027

### How is funding applied to my invoice:

Underfunding has been a continual political problem ever since the government introduced it. What funding offers is a great saving to parents, but it does not cover the true cost of a curriculum full of learning opportunities and experiences. Many nurseries are choosing to stop offering funded places because the government funding does not cover the true cost of quality early years education.

At Banana Moon, we want to continue offering funded places, which is why we have chosen to continue to accept funding. This is only possible if parents understand why we have to charge for additional activities, consumables and food.

A minimum of 2 full-day sessions per week is required if you are entitled to 30 hours of funding. One full day per week minimum is required if you are entitled to 15 hours of funding.

As funding is applied per week, this will fluctuate your invoice from month to month based on the number of calendar sessions your child attends for that month. On an invoice, you can expect to clearly see the number of sessions your child is booked to attend and the total number of funded hours applied to your monthly invoice. Any hours falling outside of funded hours will be charged for and detailed on your invoice.

Any funding will be stretched over 51 weeks of the year. Meaning that your 15 or 30 hours of funding are stretched from 38 to 51 weeks, leaving either 11.18 or 22.35 funded hours per week. These hours are applied between 08:00 – 18:00.

If your funding form has not been signed and returned, full fees will be applied.

Once funding has been applied for the term and allocated to Banana Moon, it will not be transferred unless under extreme circumstances agreed upon by the Nursery Manager.

If you wish to change your child's days, you must request this change in writing with at least four weeks notice.

### **Banana Moon Day Nursery Billericay**

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### **Workplace Nursery Benefits**

Speak with your employer to see if they can offer schemes such as:

<https://www.enjoybenefits.co.uk/staff-benefits-savings/workplace-nursery-benefit/>

### **Contract 51 Weeks**

Registration Fee (not applied to funded only sessions) £100 - This includes 3 settling-in sessions. An all-year-round contract, covering the 51 weeks the nursery is open (Closed for a week at Christmas and Bank holidays, which are not charged for). A minimum of 2 full-day sessions per week is required if you are entitled to 30 hours of funding. One full day per week minimum is required if you are entitled to 15 hours of funding.

### **Invoicing**

Invoices will be sent out on or around the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following months fees. Unfortunately, we cannot accept cash or cheques. Payment, whether via BACS transfer or voucher, must be made in full by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month to ensure your child's attendance.

### **Funding information:**

All information regarding eligibility can be found on <https://beststartinlife.gov.uk/>

The portal for applications is managed by HMRC, and they are currently taking applications for funding. Your child is eligible for funding if you meet the criteria. Once you have a code from the portal, please contact the Management team and fill in the local authority agreement form. This is an authorisation form filled in by the parents to authorise us to claim funding on your behalf. Please ensure all sections of the form are filled in and presented to the Manager with an original birth certificate for your child.

Please be aware that if your code has expired and has not been revalidated within the required period, the local authority will not honour our claim on your behalf. Please ensure any problems with the portal are addressed with best start in life directly, as we are unable to assist with this. We will charge full fees for the period we cannot claim funding on your behalf (this is usually a term). In these situations, we will inform you as soon as the local authority informs us.

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**Our weekly pricing structure for full-days 07:30 – 18:30**

	No-Funding	15 Funded Hours (11.18)	Funded hours	30 Funded Hours (22.35)	Funded hours
<b>1 Day</b>	£112.00	*£32.00	10		
<b>2 Days</b>	£224.00	£134.56	11.18	**£64.00	20
<b>3 Days</b>	£336.00	£246.56	11.18	£157.20	22.35
<b>4 Days</b>	£448.00	£358.5	11.18	£269.20	22.35
<b>5 Days</b>	£560.00	£470.56	11.18	£381.20	22.35

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**Our weekly pricing structure for half-days 07:30 - 13:00 or 13:00 – 18:30**

No-Funding applied	
<b>1 Half Day</b>	£67.20
<b>2 Half Days</b>	£134.40
<b>3 Half Days</b>	£201.60
<b>4 Half Days</b>	£268.80
<b>5 Half Days</b>	£336.00

**Here at Banana Moon Day Nursery, your childcare fees are inclusive of:**

- Breakfast served until 08:30
- Mid-morning snack
- Hot home-cooked lunch at 12 pm and dessert
- Afternoon snack
- Hot meal served at 4 pm
- All food is freshly prepared and cooked by our full-time, in-house Chef
- Open from 07:30 – 18:30
- Air-Conditioning throughout
- Air Sterile units
- Bespoke Parent App with real-time updates, finance, instant messaging to your key worker, your booking pattern with the option to request extra sessions, Photo/Video sharing service
- CCTV throughout the Nursery
- Biometric entry system

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### Other Charges

Late Collection charge	Late Payment charge
£15.00 per 15 minutes	£25.00

5% Discounts
Twins/Siblings (applied to the eldest child), Emergency Service workers, Teachers, Local Businesses

### Opt out options

If you wish to 'Opt-Out' of our all-inclusive sessions on days funding is applied to access your free funded hours only, you can choose from the options below. If you do decide to 'Opt-Out' of our all-inclusive package, a £45 deposit will be required, which will be returned to you when your child leaves Banan Moon, assuming the account balance is zero.

#### Meals

- You can choose to provide healthy meals for your child, but this must follow our 'Healthy Eating Policy', which can be provided to you if you choose this option. This will reduce your funded session by £12.00.

#### Consumables

- If you wish to provide your own wipes, suncream, personal care items, toilet roll, nappy sacks, gloves, etc. (this list is extensive). This will reduce your funded session by £2.82.

#### Additional Activities

- Cooking/Baking sessions, Gardening, Seasonal events, such as Mothers/Fathers day, Family fun days, Easter/Christmas/Graduation/Sports sessions, Yoga, music sessions, plus other events and activities.

If you do not wish your child to take part in these activities, this will reduce your funded session by £7.00.

#### Extra childcare

- If you don't require childcare between 07:30 – 08:00 or 18:00 – 18:30 on a day that your funding is applied on. This will reduce your funded session by our hourly rate of £10.18.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with the Nursery Manager via email [info@bananamoon-billericay.co.uk](mailto:info@bananamoon-billericay.co.uk) or call 01277651007