

Fees and Payment Policy



Rates

For eligible children, Free Early Education hours (up to 15 hours per week, or 30 for eligible families, for 38 weeks per annum) are without charge to parents. From 1st January 2026, for attendance not funded by free entitlement, the hourly rate for 2-year-olds is £9.50, and for 3- and 4-year-olds £9.00.

Other charges

A £100 fee is due on registering for a place unless the child is accessing an EL2 place only, in which case the fee is waived. For all KCC-funded places, the deposit is fully refunded within the first half term of attendance. For privately funded places, £50 of the deposit is retained as an administrative charge. £50 will only be returned to those never starting at Mr Noah's if a full term's notice (six terms per annum) is given before the expected date of entry.

In addition to the hourly rate, there is a voluntary contribution suggested to cover the costs of lunch if taken, and for a snack at each session. At present the contribution for lunch is £4.20 and for snacks £1.50. Children accessing the setting for the Free Early Education hours can either pay the additional contributions or bring packed lunches/snacks.

There may be days Mr Noah's is open which are not covered by the Free Early Education Entitlement and in this event parents can either opt not to attend or will be liable to pay for the additional sessions booked.

Process

We will supply parents with a Parental Declaration form prior to each term in which a child is eligible for the Free Early Education Entitlement. This will facilitate our application for the funding for the individual child under the present arrangements with Kent County Council. Free for 2 funding is accessed by parents by special application online (<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/childcare-and-pre-school/free-childcare#tab-1>) or request for further advice on how to apply may be made at the nursery school.

Payment

Invoices are issued six times a year in advance for the value of the sessions booked. Payment must be made in advance, by cheque, direct transfer or cash. If necessary, and by arrangement with the Director, payment can be made monthly or weekly.

Payments are due within 7 days of the invoice date. Late payments will incur £5 per week charge until the account is settled. In the event of failure to pay fees, it might be necessary to take away a child's privately funded place.

Notice

Parents should give notice of changing sessions to the Director on the appointed form. Notice of withdrawing a child from Mr Noah's should be given in writing to the Director a full term (six terms per annum) in advance. Full payment for any chargeable hours beyond a child's departure will be required of parents who fail to give notice as per this stipulation. Please note that notice periods are not applicable to Free Early Education

This policy was adopted:

27/4/2026

Signed:

Role of signatory

Director

Date policy to be reviewed not later than

September 2026