

Severn Beach Preschool Fees Policy

- For non-funded hours for children who are three years of age and over, Severn Beach Preschool charges £6.00 per hour for a 3 hour session, 8.45 am – 11.45 am and 12.15 – 3.15pm (£18.00) (£19.50 with consumables fee)
- For non-funded hours for children who are under the age of three, Severn Beach Preschool charges £6.50 per hour for a 3 hour session, 8.45 am – 11.45 am and 12.15 – 3.15pm (£19.50) (£21.00 with consumables fee)
- Full days (non-funded) are charged at £42.25 for 2 year olds. (£45.25 with consumables fee) and £39 for 3+ year olds. (£42.00 with consumables fee)
- We charge a voluntary consumables fee to all children of £1.50 per 3 hour session. There are 2 sessions per day so a full day will cost £3.00. (*info below) This charge covers many costs such as snack and wipes. **It does not cover Lunch costs.**
- We accept payments via the tax free childcare system. This is available in conjunction with working family funding as long as you are eligible. This system saves you 20% off any childcare related fees paid directly from your wages. (£6.50 then becomes £5.20)
- If you are in receipt of Universal Credit you may be able to claim up to 85% of your fees back. We can provide the evidence you will need for this.
- We will notify parents of any changes to the fees in advance of any increase.
- Absences due to child holiday (during normal contracted hours) or illness must be paid for.
- If preschool is closed due to exceptional circumstances such as snow no fees will be charged for that session.
- If parents take up sessions over and above 38 weeks of their funded 15/30 hours, fees will be paid at the rates stated above.
- If you receive Government funding for working families, codes must be renewed regularly. Please carefully read advice given by the government

on how to ensure your code remains valid. If your code lapses then you will have to personally pay the fees.

- On signing up for their child to attend Severn Beach Preschool parents will be accepting a **4 weeks notice period** to terminate that contract. This four week notice applies to both fee paying children and funded children. If a parent removes a child from the preschool without notice they will not be able to then claim Nursery Education Grant nor 2 year funding from another setting until that 4 weeks notice period has elapsed. This is in line with South Gloucestershire Council policies.
- Preschool hours can be taken as 3 hour sessions between 8.45 am – 11.45 am or 12.15pm – 3.15pm. Or a full day session of 6.5 hours from 8.45 - 3.15.
- Fees must be paid in advance. Preschool will invoice parents at the beginning of each term on Famly. The invoice will state the date by which it needs to be paid.
- If fees are unpaid Severn Beach Preschool reserves the right to cancel the child's place. If late fees are not paid within an agreed timescale Preschool will take up the matter with the small claims court.
- Late collection of children will incur a charge. These fees are set out in the Late Collection Policy.
- This policy will be reviewed annually.

*** Consumables.**

Early Years Funding is intended to cover the cost to deliver 15 or 30 hours of free, high quality, flexible childcare.

It does not cover consumables such as personal care materials, our Famly app, snack ingredients and many other additional activity costs.

Due to the ongoing and significant rise in the National Living Wage and the increased cost of everything generally, from April 2024, we are making a voluntary charge for additional services for all children which will part cover the cost of our consumables.

We appreciate that this is an additional cost to you but we have kept this cost to a minimum and we do thank you for your support. It helps towards us being able to give your child the best quality experience they can have whilst they are with us. If you would prefer not to pay this fee and prefer to provide the 'consumable' items for your child separately please do speak to a member of the management team.

The consumables cost covers items such as...

Snack

Wipes

Suncream

Family system

Dance and PE sessions and equipment

Seasonal Activities and celebrations

Gardening activities

Trips into the community

The Nativity

Graduation party

Waterproofs and wellington boots

Sunhats