



## Session Times and Fees

Opening hours: **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am to 3.30pm, term time only.** We will be closed on bank holidays and parents will not be charged for these days.

Securing a place: We require a **£50 admission fee** to be paid in advance, securing a child's place ready for the term that you have requested.

Our **session start times** are 9am and 9.30am each day.

Our **session collection times** are 2.30pm, 3pm and 3.30pm each day.

We ask for parents to **confirm fixed daily sessions** for the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms prior to the term starting and request **4 weeks notice to reduce/change** the number of sessions attended or to terminate their child's place.

### **Early Years Entitlement (EYE) Funded Hours (2yr working parents 15hrs/3yr 15/30hrs funding):**

You can use all 15 hours of universal funding or less. You can use 26hrs (full time at Green Shoots) of your 30hrs Early Years Extended Entitlement funding if applicable. Please note, children become eligible for the 3yrs EYE funding in the term after their third birthday, BANES terms start on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> January and the 1<sup>st</sup> April. **Please note a standing charge applies to funded sessions.**

From April 2024, our fees are **£8.50 per hour** (reviewed annually). **Please note that child absences will be charged at the full rate.** 4 weeks notice is required to receive a 10% reduction on fees for pre-booked holidays with no charge for meals. Eldest siblings are entitled to 15% discount on their invoice.

Our pre-school meals cost **£7.00 per day** including 2 snacks and a 2 course lunch. We have a chef on-site who cooks from scratch, and we aim to use local produce and offer a healthy balanced menu each week. When planning our meals we will take into account any dietary requirements.

**We ask that all children eat our home cooked food.**

A standing charge of **£10.00 per day** will be added to invoices for **all children who are in receipt of the Early Years Entitlement Funded 15/30 hours (3-4yrs) and the 'working families' funded 15 hours (2-3yrs).** The standing charge covers the extras your child will receive above and beyond the basic early years entitlement funding. The standing charge will be clearly listed on each invoice. Please see below for more information.

All fees are invoiced in advance for the term ahead (terms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6) and we kindly ask that they are **paid in full by the date listed on the invoice (mid term),** unless you have an arrangement to pay weekly. A reminder will be issued for non-payment of fees and, if after a week, these are still not paid, an administration fee of £10 per week will be incurred until paid.

**Late Collections** - There will be a charge of £8.50 if parents are late for collection times (unless organised in advance). If this became a regular occurrence, Green Shoots will request a meeting to discuss the child's hours.

Green Shoots:

- Offers **flexible** start and collection times, including **funded hours**, and is accommodating when sharing funded hours with other settings
- Provides **high ratios** of adults to children and is fully **inclusive** to the needs of **all children** and their families
- Provides a wide range of **healthy, home-made** lunches and snacks that are shared together as a family, providing a **safe and emotionally secure** place to try new foods and develop **healthy lifestyles**
- Is a family team of 10 skilled members, of which, 6 practitioners are **fully qualified** in Early Years Childcare and Development and have 7+ years experience working with children
- **Offers a home from home setting where the team “supports children incredibly well to develop exceptionally high levels of independence and develop excellent social skills.” Ofsted May 2018**

## Early Years Entitlement 15/30hrs Funded Childcare

Please use the links to find information about help and support available to you with childcare costs.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk>

The Early Years Entitlement funded hours, from Bath and North East Somerset Council, in April 2024 will be paid at a rate of £5.27 per hour for every 3-4yr old. This has only risen £1.27 in 10 years and unfortunately does not cover the cost of providing high quality child care, especially with additional expenses to consider such as increasing minimum wages, mandatory pensions, insurances, and compulsory training such as Paediatric First Aid. Our fees are based on the extras that your child will receive above and beyond the basic early years entitlement funding, for example: the qualifications and experience of the staff team, regular staff training, our high ratios of adults to children, outings, educational events/visits, baking sessions, insurances, craft resources, gloves for personal care, paper towels, wet wipes, replacing broken items, paper, ink and other essential resources.

The standing order can be removed from an invoice, if requested, by families who are eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium: <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/children-young-people-and-families/childcare-information-and-support-your-family/early> Please contact directly to discuss further options.

## Late collections

We have a signing in and signing out system. It is very important that children are dropped off and collected on time. Our ratios are affected even when someone is ten minutes late or early. To ensure the consistent care for yours and other people's children, please adhere to these regulations and refer to our policies and procedures for more information.