South Lee Prep School
Bury St Edmunds

Nursery Fees from 1st May 2025

Nursery Fees (paid monthly)

Government Early Years Education Funding is available for eligible children from the term following their 9-month, 2-year, and 3rd birthdays, with all children entitled to funded hours from the term after they turn three. Eligible families may claim up to 15 or 30 hours per week, subject to eligibility criteria. This funding contributes towards the core cost of early education and care but is not intended to cover the full cost of childcare. As such, additional charges may apply for items not covered by the funding, including meals, spare nappies, consumables, extended hours, trips, specialist teachers and optional activities, in accordance with the school's published fee information. If you feel that you will not be able to make the payments towards the additional charges, please contact us to discuss options. Funded sessions are offered within the structure of the school day, subject to availability. Further information regarding eligibility and funding arrangements can be obtained from the Suffolk County Council or via the Childcare Choices website.

Please note that additional charges will apply if you are late in collecting your child. If you are late collecting from a School Day session (4.10pm) , then you will be charged for a Full Day. If you collect your child after 6.00pm, then you will be charged £1.00 per minute for the first ten minutes and £5.00 per minute thereafter.

South Lee School accepts the 15-hour funding for childcare introduced by the Government for those parents that qualify for pupils from 9 months old to 3years old when the Childcare Funding will be replaced by the universal Free Entitlement. When a pupil attends more sessions than the Childcare Funding entitlement, then those sessions will be charged in full. Childcare Funding is over 38 weeks, but there is the option to "stretch" funding. Please address any request to "stretch" funding via email to s.jefferies@southlee.co.uk .

Fees for 9 months, under 2 Years Old

Session Times		Unfunded Sessions		15-Hour Funded Sessions (Term Time only)		
		Chargeable Hours	Session Cost	Funded Hours	Chargeable Hours	Session Cost
Morning	8.00-13.00	5	£47.50	3	2	£19.00
Afternoon	13.00-16.00	3	£28.50	3	0	£0.00
Afternoon	13.00-18.00	5	£47.50	3	2	£19.00
Full Day	8.00-16.00	8	£76.00	6	2	£19.00
Ext. Day	8.00-18.00	10	£95.00	6	4	£38.00

Fees for 2 Year Olds

Session Times		Unfunded Sessions		15-Hour Funded Sessions (Term Time only)		
		Chargeable Hours	Session Cost	Funded Hours	Chargeable Hours	Session Cost
Morning	8.00-13.00	5	£45.00	3	2	£22.50
Afternoon	13.00-16.00	3	£27.00	3	0	£0.00
Afternoon	13.00-18.00	5	£45.00	3	2	£22.50
Full Day	8.00-16.00	8	£72.00	6	2	£25.00
Ext. Day	8.00-18.00	10	£90.00	6	4	£45.00

Fees for 3-4 Year Olds (not in Reception)

***The School is a registered provider of universal Free Entitlement (FE) for 3 and 4 year olds. All children (from the term following their 3rd birthday) are eligible to Early Years Funding. Each pupil is entitled to a total of 570 hours funding over 38 weeks, which is 15 hours per week. If the pupil attends all year round, then there is the option to "stretch" funding. There is the option to "stretch" funding. Please see "Nursery Fees – Stretch Funding" for fees, if you wish to use this option.**

A full day and extended day count as two sessions for the purpose of Early Years Funding. When a pupil attends more sessions than the Free Entitlement, then those sessions will be charged in full.

Session Times		Unfunded Sessions		15-Hour Funded Sessions*		
		Chargeable Hours	Session Cost	Funded Hours	Chargeable Hours	Session Cost
Morning	8.00-13.00	5	£43.75	3	2	£27.50
Afternoon	13.00-16.00	3	£26.25	3	0	£0.00
Afternoon	13.00-18.00	5	£43.75	3	2	£27.50
Full Day	8.00-16.00	8	£70.00	6	2	£37.50
Ext. Day	8.00-18.00	10	£87.50	6	4	£55.00

Nursery Fees – "Stretch" Funding

"Stretch" funding is based on 11 hours per week. In one week, there will always be one funded session which will be for 1 hour less funding if you are using your full entitlement. The charges for those sessions are indicated under the column "1 Hour Funded". For example, you may request that your child attend 3 full days. The cost for that would be two full days at "2 Hours Funded" fee and one full day at "1 Hour Funded" fee. **Please address any questions or request about "stretch" funding via email to the Finance Manager, Sarah Jefferies, at s.jefferies@southlee.co.uk**

Fees for 9 months, under 2 Years Old

Session Times		Unfunded Sessions		Stretched Funding					
				2 Hours Funded			1 Hour Funded		
		Chargeable Hours	Session Cost	Funded Hours	Chargeable Hours	Session Cost	Funded Hours	Chargeable Hours	Session Cost
Morning	8.00-13.00	5	£47.50	2	3	£28.50	1	4	£38.00
Afternoon	13.00-15.00	2	£19.00	2	0	£0.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Afternoon	13.00-18.00	5	£47.50	2	3	£28.50	1	4	£38.00
Full Day	8.00-16.00	8	£76.00	4	4	£38.00	3	5	£47.50
Ext. Day	8.00-18.00	10	£95.00	4	6	£57.00	3	7	£66.50

Fees for 2 Year Olds

Session Times		Unfunded Sessions		Stretched Funding					
				2 Hours Funded			1 Hour Funded		
		Chargeable Hours	Session Cost	Funded Hours	Chargeable Hours	Session Cost	Funded Hours	Chargeable Hours	Session Cost
Morning	8.00-13.00	5	£45.00	2	3	£29.00	1	4	£37.00
Afternoon	13.00-15.00	2	£18.00	2	0	£0.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Afternoon	13.00-18.00	5	£45.00	2	3	£29.00	1	4	£37.00
Full Day	8.00-16.00	8	£72.00	4	4	£41.00	3	5	£49.00
Ext. Day	8.00-18.00	10	£90.00	4	6	£60.00	3	7	£67.5

Fees for 3-4 Year Olds (not in Reception)

Session Times		Unfunded Sessions		Stretched Funding					
				2 Hours Funded			1 Hour Funded		
		Chargeable Hours	Session Cost	Funded Hours	Chargeable Hours	Session Cost	Funded Hours	Chargeable Hours	Session Cost
Morning	8.00-13.00	5	£43.75	2	3	£32.95	1	4	£38.50
Afternoon	13.00-1500	2	£17.50	2	0	£0.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Afternoon	13.00-18.00	5	£43.75	2	3	£32.95	1	4	£38.50
Full Day	8.00-16.00	8	£70.00	4	4	£48.00	3	5	£54.00
Ext. Day	8.00-18.00	10	£87.50	4	6	£66.00	3	7	£71.00

Sibling Discounts

Sibling discounts apply from Reception to Year 8 only and in Reception only when no early year's funding is applicable. There is a 10% reduction of fees for a second child when two children are attending South Lee School, a 15% reduction for third child and a 20% for fourth child at South Lee all at the same time. Discounts reduce as the elder sibling leaves South Lee School.

Withdrawal of a Pupil

The agreement for the education of a pupil at the school may be terminated by giving a full month's notice in writing or on payment to the school of a full month's fees in lieu of notice.