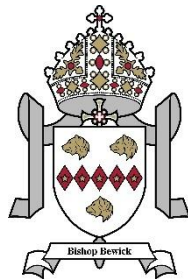




St Catherine's Catholic Primary School



Nursery Charging Policy

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Mission Statement

At St. Catherine's, we shine bright by learning, loving, and caring in an environment where we feel safe, happy and confident. We believe everyone is special and made in God's image. We help each other grow and share our gifts to make the world a better place.

We believe in:

- being kind, respectful, and fair to everyone (service)
- living like Jesus in and out of school (honesty)
- celebrating everyone's achievements, big or small (inspire)
- nurturing our relationships with families, parish, and communities. (Nurturing)
- valuing our differences and learning from each other (Embracing)

We let our light shine brightly for all to see! Be who God wants us to be. Together, we can achieve and set the world on fire with kindness and faith.

1. Purpose

This policy outlines how nursery charges are applied in compliance with Department for Education (DfE) regulations and ensures transparency for parents and carers.

2. Free Entitlement

All 3- and 4-year-olds are entitled to:

- 15 hours per week of free early education during term time.
- Eligible working parents may access 30 hours per week (subject to HMRC eligibility).

You need to apply through the online childcare service at www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/eligibility-checker or call 0300 123 4097

You will receive a working families' childcare code which you must give to your provider before the start of your child's eligible term.

Funded hours are free at the point of delivery. The school will not charge for:

- Registration or administration fees.
- Basic educational resources.
- Snacks during funded sessions.

3. Optional Charges

Charges apply only for additional services beyond funded hours, including:

- Extended Hours:
 - Non funded sessions from 1 session to 5 sessions: £13.50 per session
- Meals: Parents may provide a packed lunch or purchase school meals at the current rate of £2.70 per day.

Free school meals are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

-We do not supply consumable items, including but not limited to nappies, wipes, and sun protection products. Parents and carers are responsible for providing these items for their child if required.

- Trips and Activities: Charged separately and always optional.

4. Invoicing and Payment

Invoices will clearly separate funded hours from paid extras.

Payment is due monthly in advance via the school's payment system.

Late payments may result in withdrawal of additional sessions.

5. Eligibility and Reconfirmation

Parents must reconfirm eligibility for 30-hour funding every three months via HMRC.

Failure to reconfirm may result in reverting to 15-hour provision.

6. Notice Period

Four weeks' written notice is required for changes to booked sessions.

7. Compliance

This policy complies with:

- DfE Early Education and Childcare Statutory Guidance.
- Local Authority funding agreements.

8. Review

This policy will be reviewed annually or in line with changes to national guidance.