

# AKS Lytham Nursery: Fees, Terms and Conditions, and Free Early Years Entitlement Funding

#### **Nursery session prices from September 2025**

#### **AKS Baby Room**

Full day £74.00

#### **Over 2s and Pre-School**

Morning session £40.50

Afternoon session £36.75

Full day session £68.75

You may be entitled to government funding in support of a Nursery place.

#### Free Early Years Entitlement Funding for Ages 9 Months to 3 Years

Reminder to all parents: Eligible working families whose children are aged 9 months (born before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025) up to 3 years on 31st December 2025 will be able to access 30 hours from 1st January 2026 providing they have received a valid eligibility code by 31st December 2025.

To apply for a childcare code, each parent needs to be working and earning the equivalent of 16 hours a week at national minimum/living wage and under £100,000 adjusted net income per year. This means that each parent needs to earn from just over £8,600 per year to be eligible for 15 hours a week of childcare during term time.

#### Free Early Years Entitlement Funding for 3 to 4-Year-Olds

As with the under 3's entitlement, all 3- to 4-year-old children will be entitled to the universal 15 hours Free Early Years Funding and, depending on your circumstances, you may be able to access a further 15 hours of extended funding.

#### Stretching of Funding

As our Nursery is open 50 weeks of the year, we will spread the 15- or 30-hours entitlement over the whole year to enable the monthly charges to remain broadly consistent, rather than increasing in the last two to three months of the year when funding has been used up.

For those accessing the '15 hours' entitlement, this means that you can access up to 12 hours per week for 47.5 weeks of the years. This covers up to 8 hours per day (or 4 hours per day for half-day sessions) for those weeks, with an optional payment at full charge for the remaining 2.5 weeks of the academic year should you wish to use them.

For those accessing the '30 hours' entitlement, you can access up to 24 hours per week, on a similar basis.

Depending on your eligibility, you are entitled to 570 or 1140 hours per year from the government.

#### **Charges for Children Accessing Funding**

#### Baby room- Full day care only.

If your child is in the Nursery from **8.00am to 4.00pm**, with the exception of meals charged at £8.65, this is covered by government funding up to the limits above, which includes four meals.

If your child has a full day session from **8.00am to 6.00pm**, the charge including two hours wraparound care and four meals over the day is £23.45

#### **Toddlers and Pre-School**

If your child is in our Toddler or Pre-school class and they attend morning sessions from **8.00am to 12.00pm**, this is covered by government funding up to the limits above, and includes a light breakfast and lunch at a cost of £4.65.

If your child has a morning session from **8.00am to 1.00pm**, the charge including one hour wraparound care and light breakfast and lunch is £11.53.

If your child is in the Nursery from **8.00am to 4.00pm**, this is covered by government funding up to the limits above, with the exception of meals charged at £8.65, which includes four meals.

If your child has a full day session from **8.00am to 6.00pm**, the charge including two hours wraparound care and four meals over the day is £22.40.

## Any additional sessions attended after your entitlement has been deducted will be charged at full price.

Free Early Years Entitlement hours will not be offered to afternoon-only sessions.

Although it is not compulsory to opt for Nursery meals, in line with EYF guidance, families choosing to opt out would need to discuss with the Nursery Manager and an alternative solution provided.

This maybe that a packed lunch is provided, however, as a setting we operate a no-packed-lunch policy to protect pupils with allergies, any packed lunches provided under this EYF exception will be eaten in a separate supervised setting outside the main dining hall. This measure keeps all children safe while supporting parents' right to access free funded hours without chargeable extras

#### **Applying for Funding**

Parents can apply for funding by visiting <a href="https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk">https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk</a>.

It is a requirement to renew the 30-hour eligibility code every term. You must do this by your eligibility end date to ensure that you still get the eligible hours for the following term. Once validated there is no new code, but we can then verify the code is still valid for the subsequent term.

In order to claim EEF from Lancashire County Council, we are required to have a Parental Agreement Form from parents when funding commences. We are also required to retain copies of proof of date of birth for your child.

Please note that if we have not received a completed Parental Agreement Form, your invoice will be prepared based on the number of days booked with no deduction for EEF.

#### **Terms and Conditions**

- Nursery invoices are to be paid on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month, for the month in advance. Parents
  will receive an email invoice around 7 to 10 days before the payment due date for their
  child's regular booked session pattern. Failure to pay will result in your child's place being
  cancelled.
- Any Free Early Years Entitlement will be deducted at source, as discussed with the Nursery Manager
- Any bank holidays or days of closure over Christmas are not chargeable
- If a child attends an extra session, the costs will be added to the following month's invoice
- For non-attendance such as holidays and sickness, the Nursery fee is payable at the full rate
- A sibling discount of 10% applies
- 4 weeks' notice must be given for a change to session pattern or termination of a Nursery place

Should parents wish to discuss any financial matter, they should contact our Director of Finance and Operations at <a href="mailto:annie.millard@akslytham.com">annie.millard@akslytham.com</a>.



### **Nursery Places Form**

Please complete the form below to indicate whether your child will be attending wraparound care, and whether they wish to be provided with school meals on their booked sessions.

Personal Details		
Parent forename		
Parent surname		
Parent National Insurance Number		
Parent date of birth		
Child's forename		
Child's legal family surname		
Child's date of birth		
Funding Code		
11-digit code if applicable		
Code validity end date		
Session Details	vac appropriato	
Please tick to request the services below	as appropriate:	
I would like <b>full day sessions on my boo</b> 4.00pm)	oked days (8.00am to	
plus 4.00pm to 6.00pm wraparound care including snacks		
I would like morning-only sessions on (8.00am-12.00pm)	my booked days	
plus 12.00pm to 1.00pm wraparound	care including lunch	
Signed:	Date:	