FREE EARLY EDUCATION (FEE) FOR NURSERY CHILDREN

The Dulwich School Cranbrook participates in the KCC Free Early Education (FEE) scheme which provides funding for all children, from the term following their 3rd birthday until the term in which they reach their 5th birthday, for up to a maximum of 15 hours per week, 38 weeks per year. Dependent on term dates, the School is usually able to offer between 32-34 weeks per year in total. The funded weeks for the academic year 2026/27 are anticipated to be 33 weeks. To claim the maximum of 15 hours per week, a child will need to attend 5 morning sessions in Nash House.

Claim declarations are provided by Nash House for parents to complete on a termly basis, before submission to KCC for approval.**

A full day runs from 8.30am to 3.45pm (7 hours 15 minutes) and a morning session runs from 8.30am to 12.30pm (4 hours).

The funding amount we receive from KCC is for the setting to use towards the cost of childcare only. We are permitted to charge for certain extras when accessing 'free hours', but these must be voluntary i.e. parents must be given the ability to opt in or out. These include, but are not limited to, lunch, snacks, specialised tuition, and any additional educational trips which take place during the year.

Fees – Nursery (3-4 year olds)

Session	Session Hours	Fee (without EYF)	Fee (including EYF)
Morning	8.30am to 12.30pm	£55	£37
Day	8.30am to 3.45pm	£83	£65

Please note the fees below reflect a parent opting in to all optional extra charges. Invoices may differ if a parent opts out of any of the optional extra charges.

Breakdown of fees for those attending a day session including Early Years Funding

Per Day	8.30am to 3.45pm, accessing 15 hours funding per week
£0.00	3 hours per day – Free early education (8.30am to 11.30am)
£0.50	Morning snack*
£14.67	Specialised tuition (including PE, French, Music, Outdoor Learning)*
£3.00	Lunch*
£0.50	Afternoon snack*
£46.33	Optional hours not covered by FEE (4.25 hours x £10.90ph)*
£65.00*	**Total Optional Fees**

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Per Morning	8.30am to 12.30pm accessing 15 hours universal funding
£0.00	3 hours per morning - Free early education (8.30am to 11.30am)
£0.50	Morning snack*
£3.00	Lunch*
£20.75	Specialised tuition (including PE, French, Music, Outdoor Learning)*
	(See optional extras form for details)*
£12.75	Optional hours not covered by FEE (1 hour x £12.75 ph)*
£37.00*	**Total Optional Fees**

Fully Funded Sessions without incurring additional optional chargeable hours

Universal FEE hrs only	8.30am to 11.30am only accessing 15 hours universal funding
£0.00	3 hours per morning - Free early education (8.30am to 11.30am)
£0.50	Morning snack*
£20.75	Specialised tuition (including PE, French, Music, Outdoor Learning)*
	(See optional extras form for details)*****
£21.25*	**Total Optional Charges**

Children must be collected promptly at 11.30am to avoid additional charges.

Children accessing only fully funded hours will not be guaranteed a place in Reception. No registration fee or deposit is payable for children on a fully funded place.

*****Optional extras relating to FEE hours are not a condition for accessing the FEE hours. If you wish to opt out of these charges, please contact Nash House to discuss available alternative arrangements.

**Fees may be adjusted in arrears to reflect allowable claims by KCC and sessions attended. Dulwich Cranbrook reserves the right to withdraw from the scheme at any time and will endeavour to give at least a term's notice.

From Autumn Term 2026 we will no longer be participating in the working parents' entitlement funding for 3-4 year olds.

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