This agreement is relevant for families who are already accessing or are about to start accessing Government funding at our nursery. We hope our Early Years Funding Guide has provided you with a helpful, general overview of how Government funding for the Early Years works and how a vast majority of our families access funding across Storal. If you haven't read it yet, we highly encourage you to as Government funding can be confusing. This document specifically outlines our funded offer at Grimsbury Manor.

Stretched funding

We are pleased to provide the Government's 15 Hours and 30 Hours funding offer for all eligible children aged 9 months and above. We have designed our offer to meet the needs of working families; rather than limit funding to just school term time, we stretch funding across all 51 weeks that we're open, offering up to 11h 11m / 22h 21m a week for 15 Hours / 30 Hours funding respectively.

If your child first accesses funding with us in the Summer term (which usually means the child is born between 1 January and 31 March), our stretch calculations work a bit differently for that first term only. The Summer term is unusual because the majority of school holidays, or unfunded weeks, fall during the summer. The Government provides funding for the 3 months of school term time, but our parents want to be able to use their funding entitlement across the whole 5-month period from 1 April to 31 August. What this means is that for a child's first term of funding, and only if their first term is the Summer term, they will receive fewer than the average 11h 11m or 22h 21m per week but then their weekly entitlement will go back up to the normal annual stretched amount from September and continues at the higher level until they start school on the September after their fourth birthday. You will not lose out on any funding entitlement because of this. We stretch funding this way to prevent any unwanted spikes in monthly invoices during otherwise unfunded weeks.

The tables below present a summary of how we stretch funding. The upper table is the general annual stretched calculation across the year, and the lower table is only for children who first access funding in the summer term.

Annual stretched funding	Per year	Per month (across 12)	Per week (across 51)
15 Hours	570 hours	47h 49m	11h 11m
30 Hours	1140 hours	95h 38m	22h 21m

First summer term	Per term	Per month (across 5)	Per week (across 22)
15 Hours	180 hours	36h	8h 15 m
30 Hours	360 hours	72h	16h 30m

Sessions and charges

We offer funded hours within our regular session times, offering convenience and continuity for working parents. We want you to be able to maximise your funding, so we allow you to use up to 10 hours of funding per day.

We apply the same funding allocation approach for all families, regardless of whether they also book additional private hours. Funded hours are applied within our published session times up to each child's weekly entitlement; any attendance beyond the funded entitlement if charged at our private hourly rate. For booking patterns with a mix of full days and shorter sessions, our system prioritises allocating funding to the full days first, with the balance hours applied to shorter sessions.

Families attending all year round on 15 hours funding per week may utilise their funding allocation for free by taking 2 Extended Morning sessions, whereas those on 30 hours per week can take 2 Full days

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and 1 Tea-time session. Families can access their full weekly funded entitlement without paying for additional hours or optional extras by using the funded-only pattern above.

Government funding is not intended to cover the cost of meals, other consumables, or extracurricular activities. Accordingly, as part of our integrated offering, we apply modest, optional Additional Extras charges for these to each funded session. To continue offering additional benefits that enhance children's experiences, we provide a range of extracurricular activities such as yoga, community trips, cookery, seasonal events, Arts-enabled STEM, Forest School and Eco-schools. The table below outlines how we charge for funded sessions, provided you have sufficient funding entitlement remaining in the week:

Session	Max funded hours	Paid for non-funded hours	Hourly rate for non-funded hours	Additional Extras charge per session
Full day (8:00 am – 6:00 pm)	10.00	0.00	£9.05	£20.20
Morning (8:00 am - 1:00 pm)	5.00	0.00	£9.55	£10.10
Afternoon (1:00 pm - 6:00 pm)	5.00	0.00	£9.25	£10.10
Extended Morning (8:00 am - 1:30 pm)	5.50	0.00	£9.55	£11.11
Tea-time Session (2:30 pm - 5:00 pm)	2.50	0.00	£9.25	£5.05

The Additional Extras charges are broken down as: Homecooked food: £7.50; Health & Hygiene consumables: £2.25; Extracurricular activities: £6.75. For part funded sessions, we pro-rata the Additional Extras charge on an hourly basis so that it only applies to the funded hours that you are using.

If your child is entitled to 30 hours funding and attends 2 full days and 1 tea-time sessions every week, you will be charged as follows:

	Funded hours	Charges for funded hours	Unfunded hours	Charges for unfunded hours	Daily total	Optional additional extras	Daily total incl extras
Day 1 – Full day	10.00	0.00	0.00	£0.00	**£0.00**	£20.20	**£20.20**
Day 2 – Full day	10.00	0.00	0.00	£0.00	**£0.00**	£20.20	**£20.20**
Day 3 – Tea-time session	2.35	0.00	0.00	£0.00	**£0.00**	£5.05	**£5.05**

If you wish to opt out of any Additional Extras, you must notify the Nursery Manager in writing, preferably at least six weeks before either your child's first day with us or the start of the relevant term as defined by your Local Authority's school calendar. Any applicable charges will then be removed from your invoice. In that case, please note that our Meals from Home and Parent-Provided Health and Hygiene Consumables policies apply.

How your invoice is calculated

Your monthly invoice will show the number of hours of funding provided for free, the number of chargeable hours and the Additional Extras charges. Since we invoice on an equal monthly basis (where your weekly charge is multiplied by the number of weeks we are open and spread equally over 12 months), both the funded hours and charges will remain the same from month to month, subject to revised fees or session changes.

Please refer to our nursery fee calculator for an estimate of your monthly cost, inclusive of all optional extras.

Notice periods

Funded entitlement hours are governed by Oxfordshire County Council's funding terms and remain free of charge at the point of delivery. If a parent gives notice to end a funded place or funded hours, we will apply the funded notice position set out in the Council's terms (including the two-week funded notice period under the new terms from 13 April 2026, calculated from the last day of attendance or the date notice is given, whichever is earlier). We will not charge any funded entitlement hours as privately paid hours after a child ceases to attend.

Where a family also books private (non-funded) hours, those private hours form part of the family's private childcare arrangement with Storal. In line with our Terms & Conditions, a 6-week notice period applies to the private hours only (including changes to, or termination of, private hours). This private notice period does not override the Council's requirements for funded entitlement hours. If a parent wishes their child to continue attending after the funded notice period has ended, this would require a separate private-only agreement by mutual consent.