

## Universal Funding and Charges for Nursery and Pre-School

Bickley Park School is registered to accept universal funding for eligible children in Nursery/Pre-School and Reception ( a maximum of 15 funded hours per week). Bickley Park School offers funding for approximately 34 weeks per year, in line with the School term times.

A child becomes eligible for universal funding, at the start of the funding period following their 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday and ceases to be eligible for funding at the start of the funding period after their 5<sup>th</sup> birthday. The below table provides details for academic year 2026/27.

<b>Child's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday</b>	<b>Eligible for 15 universal funded hours</b>
On or before 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026	From 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026
1 <sup>st</sup> September to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2026	From 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2027
1 <sup>st</sup> January to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2027	From 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2027
<b>Child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday</b>	<b>Eligible for 15 universal funded hours</b>
On or before 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026	Not eligible for Early Years Funding in 2026/27
1 <sup>st</sup> September to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2026	Eligible for universal funding in Autumn 2026
1 <sup>st</sup> January to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2027	Eligible for universal funding in Autumn 2026 & Spring 2027
1 <sup>st</sup> April to 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2027	Eligible for universal funding in Autumn 2026, Spring 2027 and Summer 2027

### Nursery and Pre-school Sessions

Nursery/Pre-school daily sessions are:

**Full Day: 8am to 3pm**

**Morning: 8am to 12pm**

### Funded hours offered

If your child is eligible for 15 universal funded hours, you will not be charged for these hours.

Should you wish your child to attend funded hours, 15 funded hours per week can be utilised on either a full day or a morning during 9am to 12pm (3 funded hours per day).

Additional Hours outside of school sessions, where applicable, are charged at £13.50 per hour.

## **Optional Additional Consumable Charges**

Funding does not cover the cost of meals or non-consumables. Where a session is fully funded, applicable lunches and snacks will be charged at the price of £8.00 per day, non-consumables are charged at a rate of £5.00 per day. (Both charges are included in the fees quoted within the fee schedule on the School website).

## **Reception**

If your child is eligible for universal funding in Reception, the funded hours are taken each morning, 9am to 12pm.

## **Refundable Early Years Funding Deposit**

The Early Years Funding deposit is £100 per child and If a child is only attending funded hours (with no additional charges or extras) the Early Years Funding deposit of £100 will be refunded at the end of the second month of the School Term that the child starts attending the setting.

## **Childcare vouchers & Tax Free Childcare**

Nursery/Pre-School fees may be paid using Childcare Vouchers & Tax Free Childcare accounts. Reception fees for any terms that your child is eligible for Early Years Funding may also be paid using Childcare Vouchers & Tax Free Childcare accounts. Please contact the Finance Department for further information.