



**SOLIHULL
DAY CARE**

Grant Funding Information for Parents

Many children from 9 months to 4 years old are entitled to funding towards early education or childcare.

- This must be with an approved childcare provider
- Funding stops when your child starts in Reception class (or reaches compulsory school age, if later)
- Funding is effective for working families from the term after your child turns 9 months old or for non-working families from the term after their 3rd birthday.
- Up to 30 hours funding is available for approximately 38 weeks, in line with state school term times

Autumn Term (September to December)

Spring Term (January to April)

Summer Term (May to August)

Details of the administration process can be found here:
<https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk>



Entitlement – it is your responsibility to register and update 15 hours and 30 hours grant funding.

- All children aged 3/4yrs in England get 570 hours of funding per year. It's usually taken as 15 hours a week for 38 weeks of the year
- From September 2025 eligible working families with children between 9 months and 4 years old will be entitled to up to 30 hours of support
- You can usually get 15 hours or 30 hours of working families' funding if you (and your partner, if you have one) are:
 - In work - or getting parental leave, sick leave or annual leave
 - Each earning at least the National Minimum Wage or Living Wage for 16 hours a week



We are committed to maintaining the quality of our offering.

The level of funding provided alone does not enable us to sustain our current high standards of care, administrate this process and adhere to the increased costs of National Living Wage, National Insurance, pensions, and cost of living increases.

Daily service charges are applicable on grant funded days for services such as:

- Provision of up to three meals per day
- Fresh fruit and snacks
- Outside providers, Tiny Tots PE, Kids Lingo, Rhyme Time, Pudding & Pie cooking, Wild Fox Yoga, mini Athletics, Drama Tots, Jo's Jingle Music, Rugby Tots etc
- Administration of the claims process
- Internal practitioners activities





Services fees from January 2026 apply to both 15 hours and 30 hours funded children.

Service Charge	Full Day	Half day (am)	Half day (pm)
Food & Drinks	£13.50	£8.50	£5.00
Consumables	£4.00	£2.00	£2.00
Activities	£14.00	£7.00	£7.00
Totals	£31.50	£17.50	£14.00

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**All service charges can be opted out. Please discuss this with Day Care Manager*
**Prices shown above are subject to change with prior notice*



Where funded hours cover only part of a session, the remaining non-funded hours will be charged at £5 per hour. Example: 30 funded hours across 3 full days (10.5 days per day), 1.5 hours remain unfunded and will cost £7.50 (£5.00 x 1.5 hours).

The 30 hours funding is available for approximately 38 weeks in line with school term times.

Solihull Day Care will charge the full daily rate during school holidays, sessions not covered by funding and days outside of the funding periods instructed by Solihull MBC.



Information we need

- Signed Solihull Day Care Agreement
- Each academic year a new declaration form must be signed electronically via Funding Loop, including:
 - 11 digit code (where applicable)
 - Full name of parent claiming funding
 - NI Number
 - Date of birth of parent claiming funding
 - Full name of child and date of birth
 - Address



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You will be required to reconfirm your details every three months (HMRC will send you a reminder to do this).

Please note that your Gateway code is not your eligibility code and cannot be used to access a funded place.



Example calculations 15 hours (Child attending 3 x Full Days per week)
Spring Term of 11 funded weeks and 3 weeks not funded (January to Mid - April)

Sessions Per Term Week	Session Hours	Funded Hours	Session Price	Part-Funded Price £5 Per Hour	Food Price	Consumables Price	Activities Price	Total Price Per Term Week	x 11 Term Weeks
Full Day 1 - Fully Funded	10.5	10.5	£	£	£ 13.50	£ 4.00	£ 14.00	£ 31.50	£ 346.50
Full Day 3 - Part Funded	10.5	4.5	£	£ 30.00	£ 13.50	£ 4.00	£ 14.00	£ 61.50	£ 676.50
Full Day 3 - Non-Funded	10.5	0	£ 48.50	£	£ 13.50	£ 4.00	£ 14.00	£ 80.00	£ 880.00
Funded Term Weeks Total									£ 1,903.00

Sessions Per Holiday Week	Session Hours	Funded Hours	Session Price	Part-Funded Price £5 Per Hour	Food Price	Consumables Price	Activities Price	Total Price Per Holiday Week	x 3 Holiday Weeks
Full Day 1 - Non-Funded	10.5	0	£ 48.50	£ -	£ 13.50	£ 4.00	£ 14.00	£ 80.00	£ 240.00
Full Day 2 - Non-Funded	10.5	0	£ 48.50	£ -	£ 13.50	£ 4.00	£ 14.00	£ 80.00	£ 240.00
Full Day 3 - Non-Funded	10.5	0	£ 48.50	£	£ 13.50	£ 4.00	£ 14.00	£ 80.00	£ 240.00
Non-Funded Holiday Weeks Total									£ 720.00

Full Term Total (Term Weeks + Holiday Weeks) **£ 2,623.00**

Monthly payments spread over 4 months January, February, March & April £ 655.75



Example calculations 30 hours (Child attending 3 x Full Days per week)
Spring Term of 11 funded weeks and 3 weeks not funded (January to Mid - April)

Sessions Per Term Week	Session Hours	Funded Hours	Session Price	Part-Funded Price £5 Per Hour	Food Price	Consumables Price	Activities Price	Total Price Per Term Week	x 11 Term Weeks
Full Day 1 - Fully Funded	10.5	10.5	£	£	£ 13.50	£ 4.00	£ 14.00	£ 31.50	£ 346.50
Full Day 2 - Fully Funded	10.5	10.5	£	£	£ 13.50	£ 4.00	£ 14.00	£ 31.50	£ 346.50
Full Day 3 - Part Funded	10.5	9	£	£ 7.50	£ 13.50	£ 4.00	£ 14.00	£ 39.00	£ 429.00
Funded Term Weeks Total									£ 1,122.00

Sessions Per Holiday Week	Session Hours	Funded Hours	Session Price	Part-Funded Price £5 Per Hour	Food Price	Consumables Price	Activities Price	Total Price Per Holiday Week	x 3 Holiday Weeks
Full Day 1 - Non-Funded	10.5	0	£ 48.50	£ -	£ 13.50	£ 4.00	£ 14.00	£ 80.00	£ 240.00
Full Day 2 - Non-Funded	10.5	0	£ 48.50	£ -	£ 13.50	£ 4.00	£ 14.00	£ 80.00	£ 240.00
Full Day 3 - Non-Funded	10.5	0	£ 48.50	£ -	£ 13.50	£ 4.00	£ 14.00	£ 80.00	£ 240.00
Non-Funded Holiday Weeks Total									£ 720.00

Full Term Total (Term Weeks + Holiday Weeks)									£ 1,842.00
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Monthly payments spread over 4 months January, February, March & April £ 460.50

The monthly amount will vary each term as the number of weeks in the term is different, as per the Solihull MBC academic year planner.

The Summer Term will usually be significantly more to account for 7/8 weeks of school holidays (May half term & 6/7 weeks summer holidays).

