



March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

Nursery Payment Options 2024/25

Oswald Nursery has the following payment options for nursery places for September 2024.

Option 1- for those who are NOT entitled to a 30 hour free code

First 15 Hours – Free for all children
17.5 hour top up - £90 per week

Option 2- for those who ARE entitled to a 30 hour free code

First 30 Hours for eligible families via the government initiative – Free with code
2.5 hours top up - £15 per week
Please note that it is not possible to opt-out of the 2.5 hours top-up

30 Hour Free Code Government Initiative

30 hour codes can be applied for using your government gateway account. Apply for your code for this for September start by 31st August. Please then send the code to finance@oswaldroad.manchester.sch.uk.

If you do not apply in time you will be liable to pay for September 2024 – December 2024.

2.5 hours top up - £15 per week

Our school hours are 32.5 per week, therefore those with a 30 hour code will be required to pay a top-up fee of £15 per week starting September 2024.

17.5 hour top up paid places - £90.00 per week

If you are not entitled to a 30 hour code you can pay for your place using the payment options for nursery provision September 2024 – July 2025. Payments can be made in advance monthly, half-termly, termly or annually.

Payment options are as follows: <https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/-/login>

- **Monthly** (in advance) of £3,420.00 divided by 10 months = **£342.00 per month.**
 - Payments starting September 2024 and finishing June 2025.
- **Half Termly** (in advance) – **£570.00 per half term**
 - Payments in September 2024, October 2024, December 2024, January 2025, March 2025 and May 2025
- **Termly** (in advance) – **£1,140.00**
 - Payments starting September 2024, December 2024 and March 2025
- **Annually** (in advance) – 1 payment of **£3,420.00**

Once your child has started with us we will be able to issue you with your login details for ParentPay where you can make your payments.

Many thanks for your co-operation.
Yours sincerely
Finance Team

How to apply for your 30 hours free childcare

All 3 and 4 year olds in England already get 15 hours a week, of free early education. If their parents are living and working in England, 3 and 4 year olds may be entitled to 30 hours free childcare.

You must live in England to apply for free childcare. The amount of free childcare you can get depends on:

- your child's age and circumstances
- whether you're working (employed, self-employed, or a director)
- your income (and your partner's income, if you have one)
- your immigration status

Your child's age and circumstances

The number of hours per week of free childcare you can get depends on the age of your child. If your child is:

- 3 to 4 years old, you can get 30 hours free childcare

You will not be eligible if your child does not usually live with you.

If you foster your child, you cannot use the online application to get free childcare. Speak to your social worker and your local authority if you want to apply.

If you're working

You can usually get free childcare if you (and your partner, if you have one) are:

- in work
- on sick leave or annual leave
- on shared parental, maternity, paternity or adoption leave

If you're on adoption leave for a child aged 2 to 4 years old, you must return to work within 31 days of the date you first apply for free childcare for that child.

If you're not currently working

You may still be eligible if your partner is working, and you get Incapacity Benefit, Severe Disablement Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Limited Capability for Work Benefit or contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance.

You can apply if you're starting or re-starting work within the next 31 days.

Your income

Over the next 3 months you and your partner (if you have one) must each expect to earn at least:

- £2,167 if you're aged 23 or over
- £2,117 if you're aged 21 or 22
- £1,557 if you're aged 18 to 20
- £1,098 if you're under 18 or an apprentice

This is the National Minimum Wage or Living Wage for 16 hours a week on average.

You can use an average of how much you expect to earn over the current tax year if:

- you work throughout the year but do not get paid regularly
- you're self-employed and do not expect to earn enough in the next 3 months

If you're self-employed and started your business less than 12 months ago

You can earn less and still be eligible for free childcare.

If you have more than one job

You can use your total earnings to work out if you meet the threshold. This includes:

- earnings from any employment
- earnings from any self-employment

If you're both employed and self-employed, you can use just your self-employment income if this would make you eligible.

Income that does not count toward your minimum earnings

Certain types of income will not count towards the minimum amount you must earn to be eligible.

These include:

- dividends
- interest
- income from investing in property
- pension payments

If you or your partner have an expected 'adjusted net income' over £100,000 in the current tax year, you will not be eligible.

Your immigration status

To be eligible for free childcare, you must have a National Insurance number and at least one of the following:

- British or Irish citizenship
- settled or pre-settled status, or you have applied and you're waiting for a decision
- permission to access public funds - your UK residence card will tell you if you cannot do this

If you have a partner, they must have a National Insurance number too

Go to <https://childcare-support.tax.service.gov.uk/par/app/applynow>