Eco Montessori Pricing Policy
April 2026

A **Securing Fee of £75.00** is due within one week of your registration form being handed in or emailed to our nursery, this will secure your space on our waiting list or your start date. This Securing fee will be credited to your first month's fees. Should you decide not to take up a registered space at our nursery the Securing Fee is not refundable.

At **Eco Montessori Day Nursery** we believe in open communication with all our parents, carers and staff. This pricing policy is presented to ensure that you fully understand our charging structure. We reserve the right to review our Pricing Policy at any point during the year giving parents and carers one month's notice of any changes.

The settling in process at our nursery is over three sessions; your child's first session is free, the following setting sessions are chargeable at the hourly rate of £11.05. For the smoothest and most positive transition into our nursery, we recommend a total of three introductory sessions.

Our nursery fees include access to all our staffed facilities within the nursery. Access to specialist tuition in **Montessori** and **Eco Forest School,** the My Montessori Child Portal as well as enhanced curriculum provision during the day. The enhanced provision covers theme days, afternoon clubs and yoga as some examples. All meals - breakfast, snacks, lunch and tea are charged separately.

We offer an ***Early Risers Club at 07.30-08.00***. We are open between **07.30 - 18.00 pm.**

Tax Free Childcare:

This is a UK Government initiative for working parents to help with childcare costs. (For every 80 pence you pay into **Tax Free Childcare** the government tops up by 20 pence.) To find out if you are eligible to claim this support you can follow this link below:

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The Early Years Entitlement Grant (EYE) and Working Parent Funding:

At the beginning of the term after their 3rd birthday, most children in the UK are entitled to **Universal 3 Year Old Funding**. This will continue until they go to school. Children are entitled to receive **570 hours** of funding across the year. This can be stretched to **11.18 hours per week** if your child attends nursery all year round 51 weeks or 15 hours per week term time 38 weeks.

If you are a working parent, you may be entitled to the **Working Parent Funding** a further **11.18 hours per week** stretched over 51 weeks per year or **15 hours** per week term time 38 weeks per year. This works in a similar way to the EYE but not all families will be eligible. The criteria for this is different. There are restrictions which you can find out about when you apply for this funding through the HMRC website.

The Working Parent Funding for Children the Term after they turn 9 months Old:
You receive **22.35** hours per week attending for 51 weeks of the year or **11.18** hours per week stretched over 51 weeks of the year. Free hours are available (11.18 hours per week stretched or 15 hours term time only) at Eco Montessori Nursery and can be used in our **12.00-18.00** or **13.00-18.00** sessions. Please note if your child is staying for a meal there will be an additional meal cost. There is no Enhanced Curriculum & Extras contribution therefore all consumable items will need to be supplied for your child.

To ensure the ongoing sustainability of our provision, we invite parents and carers to make an **optional Enhanced Curriculum & Extras contribution** of **£1.10** per funded hour. This contribution supports the delivery of our Enhanced Curriculum & Extras. Please note that this contribution is entirely voluntary and is not a condition of accessing a funded place.

Eco Montessori Nursery Fees 2026

Option 1: *No funding*	**Private Nursery Fees:** **£ 5.50 Early Risers** 07.30-08.00 **£89.65** Day rate for 08.00-18.00 nursery service **£54.60** Morning half day rate 08.00-13.00 **£54.60** Afternoon half day rate 13.00-18.00 **The 5% Sibling** discount applies to the eldest child's nursery fees, this discount does not apply to meal options **£50.00 Daisy Days -** last minute sessions - there are meal charges per day **Private Nursery Food Costs:** **£ 3.50** Weaning Food **£ 8.35** Full Day Food **£ 5.35** Morning Food **£ 3.60** Afternoon Food
Option 2: **Stretched over 51 weeks:** 11.18 funded hours 22.35 funded hours for all eligible children **Term time 38 weeks:** 15 or 30 hours per week term time.	**Funded Hours in two forms:** 1.Working Families Funding - (term after 9 months to 5 Years old) 2.Free Entitlement for 3 year olds. *Enhanced Curriculum & Extras Fee* at **£1.10** per funded hour. This fee covers Montessori-focused teaching, Forest School activities, and enhanced curricular sessions including, yoga, music and movement, local outings, special events, as well as the My Montessori Child Programme. Nappies, nappy cream & wipes, suncream are also included. **£11.05** Per hour for additional nursery hours for funded children. **£ 5.50** Early Risers 07.30-08.00. **£50.00 Daisy Days -** last minute sessions - there are meal charges per day, *meals and snacks are **not** included.* **Funded Hours Food Costs:** **£ 8.35** Full Day Food **£ 5.35** Morning Food **£ 3.60** Afternoon Food

Option 3: **Stretched over 51 weeks:** 11.18 funded hours 22.35 funded hours for all eligible children **Term time 38 weeks:** 15 funded hours or 30 funded hours term time	**Free Funded hours:** Free hours are available (**11.18** hours per week stretched or **15** hours term time only / **22.35** hours per week stretched or **30** hours term time) The free hours can be used in the **12.00-18.00** or **13.00-18.00** sessions. **£13.24** per hour additional private hourly rate for free funded children. Please note if your child is staying for a meal there will be an additional meal cost. *Meals and snacks are **not** included.* **Free Funded Food Costs:** **£ 5.85** Morning & Afternoon Food **£ 3.60** Afternoon Food As there is no Enhanced Curriculum & Extras contribution, all consumable items must be provided for your child on a daily basis.

We **do not** charge for Bank Holidays or the week between Christmas and New Year**.**

Late Payment Charges:

Nursery fees are due **a full month in advance**. Invoices are released by the 20th of the month and payment is due by 1st of the following month. If nursery fees are not paid by the 7th of the month in which they are due, a **late payment fee** will be charged at **£40.00** as a standard charge, and **£1.00** per day will be charged thereafter until the invoice has been settled. If your fees have not been paid by 12th of the month nursery care will be withdrawn with immediate effect. Please let us know if you have any concerns with fee payments to avoid these penalties.

Absence and holiday charges:

We understand that unforeseen circumstances can lead to absences. Refunds are not given for holiday or other absences, with one month's written notice we will not charge for food.

Food Service:

At Eco Montessori we offer a full homely food service with two course meals. We cater for a full range of dietary requirements and balance the menus across the week.

Food Fee Holiday:

One calendar **month's notice** must be received in writing of the holiday dates to ensure food will not be charged when a child takes a holiday. This allows us to alter the amount of food ordered from our kitchens. Food will still be charged if this notice is not received in writing.

Late Pick up:

In the case of the late pick-up of children we reserve the right to charge an extra fee of **£35.00** as a minimum charge and **£2.50** per minute thereafter. This is to cover staff overtime costs that we incur whilst looking after the child in our care after the nursery closes.

Nursery closures due to weather and unforeseen events:

We aim to keep our nursery service open 51 weeks of the year, however on occasion due to unforeseen weather or events out of our control, we may have to close. If the nursery closure is due to unforeseen conditions there will be no refund for the days closed. The EYE funded hours will be re-distributed as appropriate.

Nursery trips:

From time-to-time we offer parents and children the opportunity for educational and leisure visits, such as a farm or museum visit. In this instance there may be a charge to cover the cost of transport and entry fee. We will inform all parents well in advance of any planned trips and will continue to provide our usual high-quality service for those parents who do not wish their children to take part.

Notice Period:

A full calendar month's notice is required in writing, this will be accepted once your nursery account is showing a zero balance, you will continue to be charged until a zero balance is shown.
If a full calendar month's notice is not received by the nursery a full month's fees will be charged in lieu of notice.

Thank you for allowing us to look after your children here at Eco Montessori Nursery, if you require any further help or information please speak directly to your Nursery Manager.