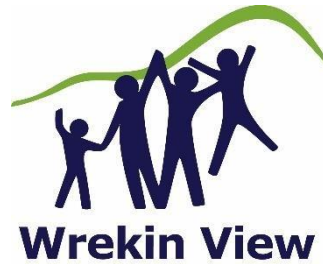


Wrekin View Primary School and Nursery



Nursery Childcare Charging Policy September 2022

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Review Date: Autumn 2024

1. Introduction

Wrekin View Nursery supports the entitlement to free 15 hours early years provision for 3 and 4 year olds. Wrekin Giants provides care for eligible 2 year olds and also fee paying 2 year olds.

Universal free 15 hours provision is available from the term following a child's third birthday up until they reach compulsory school age, for every child, irrespective of background or family circumstances.

Regulations prescribe that children become eligible for free early years provision on the dates set out below:

A child born in the period	Will be eligible for a free place
1st April to 31st August	1st September following child's 3rd birthday Autumn school term
1st September to 31st December	1st January following child's 3rd birthday Spring school term
1st January to 31st March	1st April following child's 3rd birthday Summer school term

2. Scope

- The Education Act 2002 offers the opportunity to develop the provision of childcare within maintained schools.
- Maintained schools are being encouraged to develop 'wraparound' day care for 3 and 4 year olds attending funded Early Years Foundation Stage Education.
- The Department of Education advises schools that while the free entitlement at the point of delivery is statutory, provision beyond 15 hours is not and therefore can be charged for, in line with the power to charge for extended services. See Childcare Act 2006 the Secretary of States "Code of Practice 2010".
- The Governing Body of Wrekin View Primary School & Nursery makes its charges for additional childcare under Section 27 of the Education Act 2002.
- The opportunity of on-site wraparound care will help enhance children's wellbeing and achievements promoting secure foundations for future learning and life.

- The provision of quality nursery places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds will help parents to return to work, education and training. This will support families in reducing the impact of poverty.
- Minimum requirement of acceptance of a place for free early years entitlement (3 & 4 year olds) at Wrekin View Nursery is 2 x 3 hour sessions.
- Entitlement to free nursery provision for 2 year olds is dependent upon successful application to Telford & Wrekin council for 'Talking Two's' funding. Talking 2's funding is available for eligible families who fit the criteria. To apply please follow:

https://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20393/free_childcare_places_for_2_3_and_4_year_olds/792/talking_2s_-_15_hours_free_childcare_2_year_olds

3. **Aims**

Ensure our charges are fair and affordable.

Review all charges annually (Spring Term for September)

All parents/carers will be given notice of increased charges in the term prior to its effective date (Autumn Term)

- The primary objective of any monetary increase is made to sustain the nursery and staffing costs.

We will be aware of the charges made by other nursery providers.

The Governments' free entitlement which covers 15 hours per week, over a minimum of 38 weeks, will be maintained at all times subject to session availability.

Ensure that the childcare we offer is flexible and meets the needs of working parents.

Ensure parents can easily identify on their invoice what charges are in relation to the additional hours from their free provision.

4. **Childcare Charges**

Childcare provision will be available from 8am to 5pm (9 hours), five days a week during term time.

- Parents are not obliged to purchase additional hours or pay lunchtime charges in order to secure free provision.

- The Charging Policy covers children accessing day care additional to the Early Year Foundation Stage funded education (currently 15 hours).
- The costings are based on resource requirements to meet Early Years Foundation Stage and Ofsted regulations.

5. Registration of Interest

You can register an interest in a place at Wrekin View Nursery for your child by emailing the school (a2204@telford.gov.uk) or visiting the school office any time after your child is born. The Nursery Manager will then get in contact with you during the term before your child starts with us. You can also request an informal visit to the Nursery should you wish to see the environment.

6. Pricing Structure

- Additional child care may be purchased at a cost of £4.00 per hour through the current Nursery Open Hours for 3 & 4 year olds or £5.00 per hour for 2 year olds (September 2022)
- Lunchtime Care is 1 hour and will be charged at the age appropriate hourly rate.
- Parents will only be invoiced for those sessions not covered by the free nursery entitlement

7. Timing of Payments

- All fees are payable in advance on the first of each month.
- Payment by PMX (ParentMail) or cash
- Any charges arising from payment in un-cleared funds will be passed on to the parent.
- **Charges will be made for sessions even when a child is absent through sickness or personal holidays.**
- Charges will be made for sessions when the nursery is unable to open due to circumstances beyond our control e.g. extreme weather, flooding etc.

(This is because the overheads of the nursery such as staffing still have to be covered.)

- The notice period for withdrawing a child from Wrekin View Nursery is **one calendar month.**

- If an arrangement has not been made with the school and your account remains unpaid for one calendar month, your child may lose their place at our Nursery. Outstanding monies will still be due.

8. Changes to Sessions

Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate short term changes to nursery sessions such as changing from a Thursday morning to a Friday afternoon for one week only, as this makes planning appropriate staffing cover very difficult and increases administrative time and costs.

9. Additional fees

Wrekin View Primary School & Nursery reserves the right to impose charges for late collection of children or for the non-collection of children up to £5.00 for every 15 minutes, to cover the additional staff costs incurred.

10. Support for Childcare Costs

Parents/carers may be able to access a range of tax benefits and grants to support child care cost and information will be available directly from the local authority.

Childcare costs cannot be met directly from the school budget.

11. Review

This policy will be reviewed annually in the Summer Term and any changes to charges will be with effect on 1 September.

Signed by:

Chair of governors

Date

Headteacher

Date

Appendix 1 to Wrekin View Primary
School Childcare
Charging Policy
Dated May 2021



Wrekin View

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Session	Including	Cost
15 hours	Free Entitlement	£0.00
30 hours	Entitlement on Proof of eligibility code	£0.00
Talking Two's	Entitlement on Proof of eligibility code	£0.00
Wrekin Giants Day Care	Per Hour	2yr olds £5.00 3yr olds £4.00
Lunchtime Care (each session) 1130-1230	Lunchtime Day Care (with packed lunch from home provided)	As per hourly rate above
Morning/Afternoon Sessions	As per Hourly rates Session of 3 hours	£5.00/£4.00 £15.00/£12.00
Late Collection	For each full 15 minutes of late collection a supplement will be charged to pay for additional staffing costs	£5.00 per 15 minutes

Please note:

Early Years Staffing ratio's apply for Nursery children and incurs additional cost for our youngest 'Giants'.

