



Nursery School Fees 2026/27 and Early Years Funding Entitlement Information

Colchester Prep & High School Nursery operates a Term Time provision with the additional offering of exceptional care during the school holidays (closed between Christmas and New Year). Any provision of holiday club will be communicated in advance for parents to book and pay for via ParentPay.

Term Time Fee Schedule – Butterflies & Caterpillars

Nursery Session per Week	Fees per Term 2026/27
4 Sessions	£1,598
5 Sessions	£1,998
6 Sessions	£2,397
7 Sessions	£2,797
8 Sessions	£3,196
9 Sessions	£3,596
10 Sessions	£3,995

Nursery Slot	Session	Price per Session
8:30am - 11:30am	Morning Session (Funded Hours)	£35
11:30 am - 12 pm	Lunch	£11.50 (Hot Lunch) £9 (Bring your own)
12 pm - 3 pm	Afternoon Session (Non-funded Hours)	£35
8:30 am - 3 pm	Full Day (including lunch)	£81.50

Children can attend either a morning session or a full day. A minimum of 4 sessions per week is preferred in Nursery I, increasing to 6 sessions in Nursery II (Pre-Reception).

All Nursery children are given a free mid-morning drink of milk and a fruit/vegetable snack.

The lunch session runs from 11.30 am to 12 pm and is optional. The charge is £11 which includes staff lunch supervision and a school-provided hot meal. We offer a hot healthy luncheon comprising a choice of vegetarian and non-vegetarian meal, including a serving of hot or cold dessert along with a nutritious salad. If you would prefer your child to bring their own packed lunch in – this will be charged at £8.50. Please be aware that we are a nut/allergen free school. In accordance with Natasha’s Law, all food must be nut and allergen free when brought onto the school site.

Amendments

Amendments to sessions and lunches cannot be made mid-term. The Nursery team will reach out ahead of the next term to confirm the sessions and lunches you would like to book. Should you require last minute ad hoc sessions – these can be booked and will be charged separately.

Early Years Holiday Provision

During the school holidays, our Early Years department continues to offer the highest standards of care to our Nursery and Reception children.

Session	Fee
8.00 am – 4pm	£52 per day
8.00 am – 12.30 pm	£26 per day

Please provide your children with a packed lunch and a snack if you attend during the afternoon.

Nursery Wraparound

In addition to our core Nursery provision, we offer additional care at the beginning and end of the day.

Session	Times	Cost
Breakfast Club <i>(breakfast included)</i>	7.30 am – 8.20 am	£10.50
Breakfast Club Drop Off <i>(no breakfast)</i>	After 8 am	£5.25
Early Years – Late Wait <i>(only available if siblings in Years 1-11)</i>	3.00 pm – 3.30 pm	Free
Early Years – After School Club <i>(includes tea after 4.45 pm)</i>	3.00 pm – 6.00 pm	£5.25 per half hour

Late Collection

Where a pupil is not collected from school at the end of the School Day (3.00pm), a charge of £ will be made for every 30 mins of lateness or part thereof per child, increasing to £20 after 6 pm.

Acceptance Fees

A Refundable Acceptance Deposit is not required for Nursery but will be charged when your child progresses through to the Reception Class.

Methods of Payment

- **Direct Bank transfer:** HSBC, Account Name: Colchester High School, Sort Code: 40-41-70, Account No : 20021679.
For Registration or Acceptance Fees, please ensure that you reference your child's name. All parents will be provided with a unique bank account number once their child is admitted.
- **Termly Direct Debit Scheme**
- **Monthly direct debit scheme via School Fee Plan**
- **Childcare Voucher Payments** are accepted. Payments are accepted against Nursery and Reception term fees up to the age of 5 years old. We can accept voucher payments against After School Club, Breakfast Club and Nursery Wraparound ONLY from 5 to 16 years old.
- **We are not permitted to accept cash, cheque or credit card payments for termly fees.**

Early Years Funding Entitlement

15 free hours of Early Years funding are available during term time at CPHS from when your child is 2 for working parents and from the term after they turn 3, if not eligible for 2 year old funding

Funded sessions are distributed evenly across morning sessions, allocating three hours each morning, Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 11.30am.

Hours outside of the funded entitlement (known as non-funded hours) are charged at the nursery's standard session rate.

CPHS's Nursery does not open on bank holidays and therefore parents may not receive their full entitlement where there are bank holidays within funded weeks, as these days cannot be taken with another Early Years and Childcare (EYCC) Provider. Parents are not charged for bank holidays at CPHS's.

All parents are asked to provide their own nappies, wipes, and sunscreen, and as such, we do not have a consumable charge. If, however, these are required, they will be charged at a cost of £1 per session (funded hours only).

Educational materials, additional specialist tuition, enrichment activities or extended care are not included in the funded hours and will incur additional charges. (See **Specialist Tuition and Enrichment Activities section**).

Invoices are termly and may vary from term to term depending on the number of weeks in a term and the Early Years Funding entitlement. Please also note that the FEEE3-4 entitlement funding differs from the FEE2W funding.

No additional activity charge will be made for non-funded (privately paid) afternoon hours, as these costs are already included in the nursery's standard session rate.

If you are unable to access funding, you will continue to be invoiced at our standard session rate.

FEEE for 3-4 year olds:

The national Free Early Education Entitlement scheme (FEEE3-4), which is administered by Essex County Council (ECC), enables a contribution to be made towards fees for 3 and 4 year old children attending CPHS's Nursery.

Your child becomes entitled to receive the FEEE3-4 for up to 15 hours of childcare a week, from the term after their third birthday and whilst in the Nursery.

A child born between:	Is eligible for funding on:
1 April and 31 August	1 September following their 3rd birthday
1 September and 31 December	1 January following their 3rd birthday
1 January and 31 March	1 April following their 3rd birthday

The 15 hours are based on 35 weeks of childcare. The funding can only be taken during the core day.

2-year-old funding for working parents (FEEE2W):

Eligible working parents of 2-year-olds will be able to access 15 hours FEEE per week, based on 35 weeks of childcare. The funding can only be taken during the core day.

How To Claim

In order to claim the FEEE3-4 funding, once you have accepted a place at the Nursery, we will send you the relevant forms, which you will need to complete and return to us. Families eligible for the 2-year-old funding for working parents (FEEE2W), must apply to Childcare Choices and be approved the term prior to claiming the funding. If your child is joining us part way through a term, you may not be entitled to any funding for that term. Please ask for more information.

To find out more about the Government's Early Education Entitlement, please click the link [here](#).

Specialist Tuition and Enrichment Activities

At CPHS's Nursery, in addition to our excellent childcare package, our offer includes a range of additional activities for which fees are charged. These activities form a valuable part of their time at the Nursery and include specialist tuition and enrichment activities. They are very much enjoyed by the children and help prepare them for starting school. The following are examples of additional activities:

- Structured Phonics & Mathematics Lessons
- Music
- Forest School
- PE
- Digital Technology classes
- Science Activities & Lego robotics
- Cooking sessions

For the academic year 2026-27, specialist tuition and enrichment activities for our morning sessions will be charged at £16.00 a day. If you do not receive funding, there will not be a charge over and above the nursery session charge.

While we anticipate that all pupils will participate in the specialist tuition and enrichment activities, should you like to opt out of these sessions, please contact our Admissions Team on 01206 217 116 to discuss.