



Fees Autumn 2023 to Summer 2024 (per term)

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| Pre-Prep (Reception, Years 1 and 2) | £3,445 |
| Pre-School (Tadpoles and Frogs) | £2,640 |
| Daily session | £56.00 |
| Morning session 8.30am-12 noon (excludes lunch) | £35.00 |
| Morning session 8.30am-1.30pm (includes lunch) | £40.00 |
| (Minimum sessions per week on separate days: 2 for Tadpoles, 3 for Frogs) | |
| <u>Optional Extras</u> | |
| Music – First instrument (cost per term, for up to 30 lessons per year) | £250.00 |
| Music Lessons (shared per term) | £125.00 |
| Riding Tuition (per term) | £230.00 |
| Karate (per term) | £65.50 |
| Breakfast Club (per session 7.45-8.20am) | £3.50 |
| Crèche (per session 3.15-4.15pm) | £6.75 |
| Late Club (per session 4.15-5.15pm) | £8.05 |
| Homework & Supper Club (per session 5.15-6pm) | £9.60 |
| <i>(an extra charge may apply for late collection)</i> | |

Payment of fees

The fees are payable for the full academic year and are expressed and collected in three termly amounts. Fees are payable by Direct Debit from a UK bank account by the first day of each term, unless a prior agreement has been made with the Fees Manager. A late payment charge will be applied to any outstanding amounts on a daily basis after the due date.

Early years entitlement funding (up to 30 hours for qualifying families) can be used towards fees, including Reception, for children from the term after their 3rd birthday and ends the term of their fifth birthday – see following page for details.

Child Care Vouchers can be accepted for fees and out-of-school care up to compulsory school age, subject to HMRC rules.

Refunds or alternative sessions cannot be offered in the event of non-attendance.

Admission Fees (new applicants only)

Acceptance Deposit - £100 refundable on final extras bill.

For those pupils who do not take up their place, Millfield will retain the Acceptance Deposit.

Fees in Advance

The school operates a fees in advance scheme which offers a discount for fees paid in advance for future terms. Further details are available from the Fees Office.

Notice One full term's written notice from parents to the Head is required on withdrawal of a pupil. Those failing to do this will be charged one term's fees in lieu of notice. A term's written notice is also required for Music and Riding or a term's fees for extra tuition will be charged.

The Early Years Entitlement Funding 2023/24

So that all our families are able to access our provision we have agreed to adopt and work in Partnership with the Somerset Code of Practice for Early Years.

Entitlements

Somerset offers a maximum of 570 hours per year of Early Years Entitlement (EYE) for all three and four year olds. We are open for 33 weeks of the year, so the most any parents can claim through us is 495 hours. There are also a further 495 hours available to three and four year olds for qualifying families (the criteria is detailed on the following link: [30 hours free childcare - eligibility](#)). These hours can be accessed flexibly in our setting and throughout the 33 weeks of the year.

There is no minimum entitlement per day, but the maximum hours per week that may be claimed is 15. For those families qualifying for the additional entitlement, the maximum number of hours which may be claimed each week is 30.

The entitlement can be used for Reception fees and will end in the term of the child's fifth birthday. Millfield Pre-Prep are able to pass on the Early Years Funding Formula base rate currently worth £4.67 an hour (to be reviewed in April 2024).

Our sessional rate is more than the funded allocation as we provide qualified swimming teachers, specialist music, forest school and languages staff, qualified teacher input into the EYFS provision and a wide range of high-quality facilities, which the children use regularly. Our sessional rates also include healthy, nutritious lunches and snacks (unless otherwise stated). You will be charged extra for this provision and for the use of the school facilities. If you do not wish to pay the sessional rate, your child will not be eligible for any of these additional activities and facilities.

More detail regarding the above can be found within the Early Years Entitlement Funding Policy.

Flexibility

If your child attends another setting, as well as Millfield Pre-Prep School, you may split the hourly entitlement funding. The maximum numbers of providers/settings you can attend at any one time is two. Tadpoles (2 year olds) must attend at least 2 sessions per week on separate days and Frogs (3-4 year olds) must attend at least 3 sessions per week on separate days to provide continuity.

Somerset Council provides lots of information and guidance to help you make an informed choice. More information is available online at [Somerset Choices](#). There is also a local rate helpline 0300 1232224.

Complaints Procedure

Parents who are not satisfied that their child has been able to access their Early Years Entitlement should raise their concerns initially with Mr Jory, Head of Pre-Prep. If you are unhappy with the response, you can also ask the local Government Ombudsman to investigate your complaint further.

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