

Kittens, Nursery & Kindergarten

Early Years Provision (Funded for children aged 2, 3 & 4 if eligible) for Part-Time Pupils – 2026/27

Hours for Kindergarten are as follows:

Morning Session: 8:15am – 12:45pm

Afternoon Session: 12:45pm – 5pm

Early Years Funding

Early Years Funding is available from the term following a child's 2nd birthday until the term in which they turn five. It entitles the child to 15 hours of funded childcare per week, and a further 15 funded hours per week may be available depending on parental circumstances. Dean Close accepts 6 free hours for a day or 3 free hours for a morning or afternoon only session.

Morning Session Fees

If a child is eligible for Early Years Funding the period between 9:30am and 12:30pm is free and any additional hours which are not covered by the Early Years Funding will be charged at £10 per hour.

Afternoon Session Fees

If a child is eligible for Early Years Funding the period between 12.30pm and 3.30pm is free, and any additional hours which are not covered by the Early Years Funding will be charged at £10 per hour.

Full Day Session Fees

A Full day is from 8:15am to 5pm. If a child is eligible for Early Years Funding the period between 9:30am and 3:30pm are free, and any additional hours which are not covered by the Early Years Funding will be charged at £10 per hour.

Uniform

Children who attend for the Funded Entitlement hours only are not obliged to wear uniform. However, uniform is worn by most children attending the Squirrels and parents are advised to discuss the matter with the Head before deciding that their children will not wear uniform.

Uniform is available from the School Shop and we also operate a well-stocked second-hand uniform shop.

Snacks and Lunches

Lunch and mid-morning and afternoon snacks are provided at a cost of £7.50 for those attending for the full day. For those attending morning sessions only £5.75 is charged (covering the morning snack and lunch), whilst the charge for the afternoon snack is £1.75. Parents may opt out of meals and snacks, but it is strongly advised that they discuss this with the Head before coming to a decision as all food is produced in house and all dietary requirements can be met. Dean Close is a nut & sesame free school and any food containing those ingredients cannot be brought in.

Extracurricular Charges

Please note EYF only covers hours attended for the delivery of the Early Years Foundation Stage; it does not cover the cost of consumable items or additional provision such as: our specialist music lessons; our specialist physical education lessons; our specialist curriculum & wellbeing days; access to our School facilities (for example our Music & Drama spaces), use of the professional sports facilities used by the School. These additional provisions are charged as an additional fee of £5 per session (£10 per full day).

These additional fees are not a barrier to joining Kittens and if places are available we do accept parents/guardians who wish to just receive the minimum EYF provision.

<u>Sessional Costs with no funding</u>	Termly	Day	Morning	Afternoon
Kittens	£4,675	£86.00	£44.23	£41.77
Nursery	£4,050	£75.00	£38.57	£36.43
Kindergarten	£4,150	£77.00	£39.60	£37.40

<u>Sessional Costs with relevant free hours</u>	Day	Morning	Afternoon
Additional Hours & Extracurricular Charges	£37.50	£20.00	£17.50
Food Charges	£7.50	£5.75	£1.60
Total charge to parent	£45.00	£25.75	£19.10