

Free Early Education/Childcare Entitlement options and additional fees & charges Azhar Academy Nursery
Effective From: 1st April 2025



Azhar Academy Primary School's Nursery is open 38 weeks of the year. The Nursery follows the same term time calendar as the primary school. Details of the school term dates can be found on our website. The Nursery provides free Early Education for children from the age of 3 (the term after the child's 3rd birthday) until 5 years old.

The Nursery is opened between 8:30am – 3:30pm daily, providing 7 hours of childcare per day.

The lunch period is between **11:30 and 12:30**. If your child attends their free place during the lunch period they will be required to bring a healthy packed lunch. The nursery does not cater for meals. **Please note that Azhar Academy Primary School is a healthy eating and nut free school. Packed lunches must not contain nuts.** Please refer to our packed lunch policy for further details.

The Nursery offers working parents who are only in receipt of 15 hours funding the option to extend their hours to 15 chargeable hours, should they wish to do so, to benefit from a full-time weekly Nursery experience should the parent wish to take up the offer. The chargeable rate from 1st September 2025 is £9.00 per hour.

Spaces are available subject to availability, and we operate a waiting list for some sessions.

We recommend that children attend a minimum of 3 days per week in order to provide them with an enriching and beneficial learning experience in Nursery as well as to help them settle in.

Option 1:

Working parents/carers who want to just take up their full free early education and childcare hours (30 hours per week*) can do this and are able to take this up over the 5 days of their choice (at 6 hrs per day between 8.30am-2.30pm, subject to availability), alternative days will be offered where preferred days are not available (subject to availability).

If your Nursery child has a sibling in Azhar Academy Primary School and you choose to keep them in Nursery between 2.30pm and 3.30pm in order for your children to be collected at the same time, there will be an additional private fee charge applicable for this hour, at £9 per hour.

Parents/Carers do not have to take up additional hours in addition to their free early education and childcare hours. Where parents/carers choose to, this will be chargeable at £9 per hour.

38 week provision (term time only)- 30hrs per week (total 1140 hrs per annum)

5 days per week 8.30am – 2.30pm

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30am - 11.30am	3hrs FREE				
11.30am - 2.30pm	3hrs FREE				
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Private Fees applicable				

Option 2:38-week provision (term time only) 15hrs per week (total 1140 hrs. per annum)**3 days per week 8.30am – 2.30pm**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30am -11.30am	3hrs FREE	3hrs FREE			3hr FREE
11.30pm -2.30pm	3hrs FREE	3hrs FREE			
2.30pm – 3.30pm	Private Fees applicable	Private Fees applicable			

or:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30am -11.30am			3hrs FREE	3hrs FREE	3hr FREE
11.30pm -2.30pm			3hrs FREE	3hrs FREE	
2.30pm – 3.30pm			Private Fees applicable	Private Fees applicable	

Option 3:38 week provision (term time only) 15hrs per week (total 570 hrs per annum)**5 days per week 8.30am - 11.30am**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30am -11.30am	3hrs FREE				
11.30pm – 2.30pm					
2.30pm – 3.30pm					

Option 4:38 week provision (term time only) 15hrs per week (total 570 hrs per annum)**5 days per week 12.30am -3.30pm**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8.30am -11.30am					
11.30am -12.30pm					
12.30pm -2.30pm	2hrs FREE				
2.30pm – 3.30pm	1hrs FREE				

Additional Goods/ Services

The Nursery requests a non-mandatory consumable charge of £2 per week to allow us to provide your child with an environment, equipment, experience and service which are above the normal requirements of the Early years Foundation Stage (EYFS) or which are not covered by Early Years funding. This includes snacks, cookery, gardening, sun cream, outings and special cultural events. Please note, parent/carer are not required to pay this charge in order to access their funded hours. This consumable charge does not apply to families who currently receive benefits or EYPP. Please inform the Nursery if you think you are eligible.

If any paid optional activity (e.g., outings, cultural events, specialist visitors) occur, children not taking part will receive a free, high-quality EYFS-compliant activity on site.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the charges or would like your child to opt out of these activities and services, please contact the Nursery to discuss alternatives.

Late Collection

A charge is applicable for late collection of your child at a rate of £10 after the first 10 minutes, then £5 for every 5 minutes thereafter. This charge is in place to cover additional staffing costs incurred for this reason,

Sundries

Parents/Carers are expected to supply nappies, wipes, or any personal care items. Where these are not supplied by parents/carers, a charge of £3 per session will be applicable.

Making Payments

An invoice will be issued to parents for any required payments. Please ensure any payments are clearly referenced with the invoice reference number.

Parents who have opted for additional private fees paying hours will be invoiced monthly.