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**Charging and Remissions Policy**

**2024 / 2025**

**Waterton Pre-Schools Charging and Remissions Policy**

Our Pre-Schools offer funded and paid places for children aged 2, 3 and 4 years old between the hours of 7:30am and 6:00pm all year round.

**Two Year Old Funding**

Funded places for 2 year old children are offered for 5 mornings or 5 afternoons. These can be taken flexibly if the parent is working or studying.

**Universal 15 hours of funded early education for 3 & 4 year olds**

Funded 15 hours for 3 and 4 year old children are offered across 5 mornings or 5 afternoons as much as is practically possible. However, parents may choose how to take up their hours and my stretch their funding across the 50 weeks.

**30 hours of funded early years education**

Working parents who are eligible for 30 hours of early education for their 3 and 4 year olds will be offered these across the week as required. Places for children eligible for 30 hours will be allocated on a first come first served basis. No guarantee can be made that a parent will receive the additional sessions they request, however we will always do our upmost to meet needs.

If a parent becomes ineligible for the additional funded hours the place will be withdrawn at the end of the ‘Grace Period’. If the parent would like the child to retain their place then the usual charges will apply and will begin at the end of the ‘Grace Period’. This funding can be stretched across the 50 weeks of the year and be deducted from the overall childcare bill.

**Additional Hours**

Parents are able to pay for additional sessions for their children where they are available.

Additional sessions are:

12:00 to 3:15 for children with a universal 15 hours or funded 2 year old morning place (9:00 – 12:00),

9:00 to 12:15 for children with a universal 15 hours or funded 2 year old afternoon place (12:15 – 3:15).

A parent will able to purchase additional hours once the universal entitlement of 15 hours has been allocated across Pre-School sessions. Ad hoc sessions may be booked if available and are payable at the time of booking.

Charges will still be applicable for all pre-booked sessions should a child be absent for whatever reason.

Where a child is persistently collected late at the end of a session (3 or more times per week) we may make a charge for the additional childcare required.

**Ending the contract**

Where a parent wishes to cancel either funded or paid for sessions, a period of 4 weeks’ notice is required.

We will always try to accommodate requests to increase or change the pattern of additional hours within reason to meet parents’ individual circumstances; this will be dependent on availability.

**Invoices**

Parents will receive their invoice at the start of each half term. This must be paid within two weeks. Payments can be termly, monthly or weekly. This will be agreed with the parents when they take out their contract with us. Payment is required by bank transfer, using the child’s name as the reference.

Bank details are: Sort Code: 08-92-99 Account number: 65378641. Childcare Vouchers can also be used.

Where an invoice hasn’t been paid within two weeks the child will not be able to attend the child care sessions.

There may be times where a parent/carer could in negotiation with the administrator, arrange a payment plan on a temporary basis in exceptional circumstances.

**School Meals**

School meals are available at a cost of £2.97 per day and are added to the invoice.

**Sundries**

Pre-School charges a consumable charge of 25p per session for snacks, wipes, arts and crafts, messy play, baking ingredients and sun cream.

Events such as educational visits and visitors into school are subsidised through fund raising activities alongside a request for a voluntary contribution from parents to cover part of the costs.

Pre-School polo t-shirts, cardigans and sweatshirts are available to purchase from Pre-School at £8.00/£8.50 each. We do not make any profit from the sale of these items.

External partners such as Tempest Photography will manage their own finances when selling their products to parents. This is all done online via their website. Information is shared with parents at the time.

**Terms and conditions**

1) **Payment terms**

Invoices will be sent out by Pre-School at the beginning of every half term and payment will be required within two weeks of the date of the invoice.

You can:

a) pay for all the sessions your child attends during each term as a lump sum at the beginning of that term or

b) pay in weekly or monthly instalments in advance.

If payment is not received, the Trust reserve the right to cancel a place and reallocate it to a child on the waiting list. If the payment of fees is outstanding for more than 14 days after the due date for payment your invoice will enter our debt recovery process which culminates in being passed to a debt collection agency for full recovery. In addition, you will be liable for all associated debt collection fees and court costs.

2) **Holidays and other absences**

If your child is absent from Pre-School including wraparound for whatever reason, all fees are still payable.

If your child is in receipt of government funding for their place this may be removed for non-attendance. Therefore, we politely ask that you aim to keep holidays to a maximum of two weeks in any one term to avoid this scenario. Any more than this and the LA will remove your funding for those weeks; if your funding is removed, we would have to charge you for your child's place for that time as per our attendance policy.

3) **How Local Authority Education funding works**

You can obtain funding for Pre-School for the first full term (and subsequent terms) after your child’s 3rd birthday. This is administered through Pre-School.

(Please note that children born in April are not eligible for funding until the following September because the official cut-off date is 31st March).

4) **If you want to take your child out of Pre-School**

One month’s notice must be given in writing to the Pre-School Manager. If you withdraw your child without giving this notice, the fees due for that 4 week period must be paid.

For non-funded children, the 4 week period is charged at the current rate for the number of sessions attended.

For LA funded children, the 4 week notice period is charged at the official rate of funding per 3 hour session.

5) **Failing to collect your child on time and late pick up charges**

If you know that you are not able to collect your child on time and you are going to be late you must contact Pre-School so that we are aware and can ensure we can maintain our staff/child ratios.

If you fail to inform Pre-School that you are unable to collect your child at the agreed time you will incur a £10.00 additional charge for every 15 minutes thereafter.

If you don’t collect your child at the agreed pick up time and you have not telephoned or we are unable to contact you we will automatically proceed to our Non-Collection of Child Policy. This includes contacting other named contacts and if no one is available then Social Care Direct.

Please note that our Pre-School closes at 6:00pm.

6) **Unforeseen Circumstances**

Pre-School reserve the right to charge for any sessions which may have to be cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.

**WATERTON PRE-SCHOOL FEES**

**PRICE LIST – SEPTEMBER 2024**

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| **Provision** | **Times** | **Fees** | **Information** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Breakfast Session** | 7:30 – 9:00 | £9.00 | Includes breakfast |
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| **Early Morning Session** | 7:30 – 12:00 | £27.00 | Includes breakfast |
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| **Morning Session** | 9:00 – 12:00 | £18.00 |  |
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| **All Day** | 7:30 – 6.00 | £63.00 | Includes breakfast, & tea |
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| (30 hours funded) | 9:00 – 3:00 | No charge |  |
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| **Day Session** | 9:00 – 3:15 | £37.50 |  |
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| **Afternoon Session** | 12:15 – 3:15 | £18.00 |  |
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| **Late Sessions** | 3:15 – 4.30 | £7.50 |  |
|  | 3:15 – 5.30 | £13.50 | Includes tea |
|  | 3:15 – 6.00 | £16.50 | Includes tea |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Late Sessions Pre-School** | 7:30 – 4:30 | £54.00 | Includes breakfast |
|  | 7:30 – 5:30 | £60.00 | Includes breakfast & tea |
|  | 7:30 – 6:00 | £63.00 | Includes breakfast & tea |
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|  | 9:00 – 4:30 | £45.00 |  |
|  | 9:00 – 5:30 | £51.00 | Includes tea |
|  | 9:00 – 6:00 | £54.00 | Includes tea |
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|  | 12:15 – 4:30 | £25.50 |  |
|  | 12:15 – 5:30 | £31.50 | Includes tea |
|  | 12:15 – 6:00 | £34.50 | Includes tea |
|  |  |  |  |
| Full week | 7:30 – 5:30 x 5 days | £272.00  (includes 10% discount) | (£108.00 with 30 hours funding)  Includes breakfast & tea |
| 10% discount will be applied to fees when sessions are taken over all 5 days. | | | |
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| Additional charges | Consumables | 25p | Per morning or afternoon session |
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If you would like to pay for a hot meal provided by school for a child who is with us for longer than 3 hours there is an additional charge of £2.97 (*This is the charge set by the service provider inc. VAT*)

We offer funded places for children aged 2, 3 and 4 years old. 15 or 30 hours childcare for eligible working families can be obtained through Pre-School for 2 to 4 year olds and we also offer 15 hours childcare for families receiving some additional forms of government support. Visit   <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> to find out how to claim.

 We accept any childcare voucher scheme including tax-free childcare vouchers.

**Appendices**

**Appendix 1:** Parental Contract of Payment (parent / carer copy)

**PARENTAL CONTRACT OF PAYMENT**

P*lease tick:*

I have read and agree to abide by the terms and conditions of payment set out above: 🞏

I agree to pay for my child’s Pre-School/Wraparound place: -

Pre-School place Half Termly: 🞏

Reception Class place monthly: 🞏

Holiday Club prior to my child attending: 🞏

I understand that I have to pay for the place if my child is absent for any reason: 🞏

I understand that non-payment after 2 weeks of the due date could result in the termination of the contract and the place being withdrawn: 🞏

I understand that I must provide 4 weeks notice if I wish to withdraw my child from Pre-School / Reception Wraparound and that failure to do so will mean that I will be charged for the notice period: 🞏

I agree to collect my child at the booked time and understand that frequent late collection may result in additional charges: 🞏

Signed: (*parent/guardian*)

Print Name:

Date:

Parent / Guardian of:

**Appendix 2: Parental Contract of Payment – To be signed and returned to Pre-School**



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Pre-School place Half Termly: 🞏

Reception Class place monthly: 🞏

Holiday Club prior to my child attending: 🞏

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I agree to collect my child at the booked time and understand that frequent late collection may result in additional charges: 🞏

Signed: (*parent/guardian*)

Print Name:

Date:

Parent / Guardian of:

**Appendix 3:** Uniform order form

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**Pre-Schools Uniform Order Form**

**CBPS TMPS TWPS WPS**

Pre – School: Child’s Name:

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| Item | Size | Price | Quantity | Total |
| Navy polo shirt | Age 1-2 | £8.00 |  |  |
| Age 3-4 | £8.00 |  |  |
| Age 5-6 | £8.00 |  |  |
| Navy sweatshirt | Age 1-2 | £8.50 |  |  |
| Age 3-4 | £8.50 |  |  |
| Age 5-6 | £8.50 |  |  |
| Navy cardigan | Age 3-4 | £8.50 |  |  |
| Age 5-6 | £8.50 |  |  |
| Total | | |  |  |

**Payment must be made in advance via bank transfer with your setting’s initials as above and your child’s name as reference.**

**Bank details are: Sort Code: 08-92-99 Account number: 65378641**

**Your order will be delivered to your Pre-School and passed to you.**

**Appendix 4: Wraparound and holiday provision for Reception Class children**

**Our Pre-Schools** offers the Early Years part of the wraparound care for children in the Reception Class at Wrenthorpe Academy from 7:30 am to 8:55 then from 3:15pm to 6:00pm for children in the Reception Class. Places are booked and paid for in advance and are allocated on a ‘first come first served’ bases. Places are capped at 16 per day.

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| **Provision** | **Times** | **Fees** | **Additional Information** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Before school** | 7:30 am – 8:55 am | £9.00 | Includes breakfast |
|  |  |  |  |
| **After school** | 3:15 pm – 4:30 pm | £7.50 |  |
|  | 3:15 pm – 5:30 pm | £13.50 | Includes tea |
|  | 3:15 pm – 6:00 pm | £16.50 | Includes tea |
|  |  |  |  |

**Pre-School Holiday Club** operates within the school holidays and is available to children in the Reception Class at our host Academies. These sessions run from 7:30am to 6:00pm each school holiday – closed Christmas week and bank holidays. Places are secured via booking in advance in September for the year.

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| **Provision** | **Times** | **Fees** | **Information** |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Holiday Club** | 9:00 am – 3:15 pm | £37.50 |  |
|  | 7:30 am – 12:00 pm | £27.00 | Includes breakfast. |
|  | 9:00 am – 5:30 pm | £51.00 | Includes tea. |
|  | 7:30 am – 6:00 pm | £63.00 | Includes breakfast & tea. |
|  |  |  |  |
| **Additional charges** | Consumables | 25p | Per morning or afternoon session |