



MANOR FARM NURSERY

PRESCHOOL & HOLIDAY CLUB

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PRICING EXPLAINED

Manor Farm Nursery Ltd, trading as Manor Farm Nursery, Preschool and Holiday Club, provides Early Years Education for children under 5 years old, of nursery and preschool age and a Holiday Club for children in Reception to aged 11, and welcomes home schooled children of the same age in non term time.

In line with the local authority guidance on transparency, for all Early Years settings nationally, you will soon find these fees and explanations within updated documents on our website. Adherence to the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) Statutory Guidance and the Ofsted Inspection Handbook is a requirement for nurseries and preschools who offer the enhanced (aka “30 hours funding” or “30 hours free childcare”) funding for eligible working parents or guardians and we are committed to continue offering this funding.

NB: for ease from here on, I will refer to parents and guardians as “parents” collectively meaning “the responsible adult(s) for a child at our setting”.

If you’ve chosen Manor Farm for your child(ren), this is most likely due to the outdoor space, a recommendation from friends due to the excellent care provided, or due to our year-round long opening hours and/or the convenience of our location. Or, of course, you chose Manor Farm for all or none of these reasons.

Whether a new parent or longstanding parent we do sincerely hope you have experienced an overall very positive experience. Our aim is of course is to support your child’s development; including their speech and language, their physical development in walking, jumping, using a bike or scooter, a swing and their first stages of fine motor skills for writing. Importantly you may experience social and emotional development; gaining confidence with children of a similar age and building relationships with adults away from home.

Particularly in the past 10 years, under the ownership of Josh and Kirsty, we have collectively worked with our local authority advisors, college tutors and utilised our National College membership to invest in the training and development of our experienced and passionate team of Early Years Professionals. We know that communication with parents is important and using the Family app has enhanced the opportunities to liaise with parents directly during the day, given management the opportunity to send out newsfeeds and for you as parents you can access these updates, invoices and update child or parent details with ease all in one place.

Our vision is “To Help Children Develop Through Play & the Great Outdoors”. And we have five core values:

Support Education
Support Good Health & Hygiene
Be Kind
Being Responsible
Preparation

Through our remarkable parent facing team, Management team and the owners, whom are the sole company directors, we aim to provide flexible, good quality Early Years Education for children aged from 3 months to preschool, making sure each individual child is as well prepared for primary school as they can be. We also support those children with early needs and focus on the transition to the appropriate school and stages, where need be.

With over 60% of income being used towards employee costs to deliver these values, we need to ensure they continue to be appreciated and benefitted, together with continued investment in training. Our other focus this year is some major roof renovations, bearing in mind the barn conversion was in 2014. We aim to do this with minimal disruption to continuity of care for your children. There is probably no better time to reassure you that we will remain open during an anticipated period of approximately 3 weeks, but we are currently seeking a solution to temporary rooms during the phase of work. More information to follow.

The upcoming guidance outlines our price increase, which reflects the economic climate and the business needs. There has however also been a fee reduction in some extra non funded hours and a doubling of the full time discount, whilst maintaining all other discounts offered, including the 10% holiday discount and retaining the flexibility to reduce sessions in preschool in non funded weeks.

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CHARGING GUIDANCE

What government funding is available?

Funding is claimable “the Term after”. So, the term after a child turns 9 months, 2 years old or 3 years old.

All parents of children aged 3 and 4 years old receive 15 hours week (15 hours per week term time, so 570 hours per year). This includes high earning parents or parents with government support, such as universal credit. Some parents of 2 year olds may also be eligible for 2 year old funding, if claiming some form of additional support (such as income support, job seekers’ allowance or universal credit), again claimable. Some working parents may, in addition, be eligible for the 30 hours government funding (from the Term after a child turns 9 months old) and will also benefit from opening a Tax Free Childcare account (which means 20% of your fees are paid by the government).

We strongly urge all parents to go to the website [Best Start in Life - Best Start in Life](#) to find which options are available to you. On this website you can find out options for working parents and non-working parents, including Universal Credit childcare and Tax Credits for Childcare options. All parents will need to have applied and have their eligibility verified before Manor Farm can deduct this from invoices due for payment.

In addition, for high earning companies or employees we understand Employers may also use other voucher companies and/or direct payees to help you or your company with tax efficiency, such as Enjoy Benefits (www.enjoybenefits.co.uk) or Gogeta ([Gogeta b2b](#)).

When to apply for funding?

Apply as soon as you can within the appropriate window for your child. Deadline dates are:

- 31st August – to access the extended hours in the Autumn Term
 - 31st December – to access the extended hours in the Summer Term
 - 31st March – to access the extended hours in the Spring Term
- If your child’s funding is not until the following Term (i.e. January, April or September) your invoice is higher, but don’t forget that you can still use a Tax Free Childcare account to pay for fees if you are eligible working parents
 - We claim your funding. All you have to do is to provide us in advance, or when we ask for it, with a code which confirms your eligibility and your National Insurance number. You will be asked to sign a declaration form each Term.
 - Parents reconfirm eligibility with the government website every 3 months. We will receive reminders, but so will you. If parents’ job circumstances mean one falls out of eligibility, or maternity pay means that at the point of application earnings are too low, then one may find themselves liable to our full fees. It is the parents’ responsibility to check and challenge eligibility with the government.

Choosing sessions

For nursery and preschool aged children, parents choose their agreed set sessions based on availability and what works for the family. At Manor Farm we are open 07:30 – 18:00, year round, being closed between Christmas and New Year and on Bank Holidays. There are a variety of options for parents to consider, which allow for continuity and routine for children, whilst being good value for parents seeking quality Early Years education. Nursery and preschool sessions are within the opening hours of 07:30 – 18:00. We do offer Term Time only spaces, but these are only spaces subject to the demand for all year round spaces.

Our Holiday Club, for primary school aged children, sessions run slightly different times (07:30 – 18:00, 08:30 – 17:00 or 08:30 – 15:00)

Consumables

Consumables include food (breakfast, snack x 2, lunch and tea, where applicable), and nappies and wipes. The statutory guidance requires us to be more transparent about what the total consumable fee is for, with a breakdown.

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How does my child benefit from the consumables charge and what are the implications?

We employ a chef to prepare fresh, nutritious meals and snacks each day they are with us. The charge therefore includes the chef's wages, his time resourcing and collecting shopping, and the cost in storage (i.e. fridge/freezers) and the cost for wastage. As a private business we also have to pay for food disposal. So, it's not just about buying and preparing the food.

We are inspected by Ofsted on providing nutritional balanced meals and snacks for all the children at our settings. Some children are in nursery for long days, from breakfast to teatime so time for parents to prepare nutritious meals before children are ready for bed could be limited. We have a number of children with food allergies at the setting and we currently carefully monitor and cater for their dietary requirements. We also believe children develop a desire to explore new foods when with their peers, improving their palate. Sitting down for meal times, encouraging the use eventually of a knife and fork, together with learning manners and social interaction at the meal table, are essential life skills and part of our British Values (again an area encouraged by Ofsted, our regulatory body, in line with the EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) Statutory Framework). New guidance was launched in April 2025, which we carefully follow and support: [Early Years Foundation Stage nutrition guidance](#).

Whilst we will accept a parent request to provide their own packed lunches, snack and tea, there would an emphasis on our nut free policy and further guidance on suitable, nutritionally balanced foods.

In addition, we know that it could end up being more expensive for you as parents to buy and provide your own nappies and wipes etc because we buy in bulk from commercial suppliers. Hence, we are keen to maintain the same brand of nappies and wipes to minimise storage issues and pressure on our team to minimise errors of which brand for which child, and thus maintain a format that works well currently.

Consumables	Including:	0 to 24 months	24 to 36 months	36 months +	Holiday Club
07:30 - 18:00 or 08:00 - 18:00 Food	Breakfast, morning snack, chef cooked lunch, afternoon snack, chef prepared light tea	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
07:30 - 13:00 or 08:00 - 13:00 Food	Breakfast, morning snack, chef cooked lunch	£6.00	£6.00	£6.00	£9.00
13:00 - 18:00 Food	Afternoon snack, chef prepared light tea	£4.00	£4.00	£4.00	
07:30 - 18:00 or 08:00 - 18:00 Nappies & Wipes	Average 4 - 6 nappies per day	£1.25	£1.25	£1.25 or £0	
07:30 - 13:00, 08:00 - 13:00, 13:00 - 18:00, Nappies and Wipes	Average 2 - 3 nappies per session	£0.85	£0.85	£0.85 or £0	

*HC 08:30-17:00 = £9
*HC 08:30-15:00 = £6

Full day and Late Day sessions

At Manor Farm, our popular full day sessions have always been 07:30 – 18:00 (i.e. 10.5 hours). The government funding can only be claimed in a maximum block of 10 hours, so we charge for the 0.5 hour of that session, i.e. for 07:30 – 08:00, which is being reduced to £2.00 from April. This fee helps avoids traffic being condensed into a shorter drop off time period, appeals to those who need longer hours and also contributes to the overall running costs of the nursery (full day insurance, power, opening Management, Chef and our in-room staff preparing for the day during these hours) and is subject to the overall 10% discount as part of the “Holiday Allowance Discount”, so £1.98. We do provide a session 08:00 – 18:00, called a Late Day session.

May we take this opportunity to remind parents that we ideally welcome your children, by latest 08:45, when it the latest time we do a group registration and/or have the children begin their daily routine, including outdoor play or structured activities.

What are the implications of parents choosing the 08:00 Late Day session?

Our “logistical” dilemmas at Manor Farm, if changing our flow of parents are:

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- the passing traffic on the driveway will bottle neck more frequently between 07:30 and 08:00. The more parents dropping off closer to 07:30, the more likely a greater spread of traffic as opposed to a shorter window of time.
- the admin and discomfort behind charging fees for early arrival for that 08:00 (which is inevitable apparently, following our research). This charge for dropping off early will be £10, to discourage parents doing so, particularly as we would rota sufficient staff only from 08:00.

The pros of being on a farm do outweigh the traffic on the driveway at morning drop off but it has always remained a point made on parent surveys.

With the new guidance we must inform parents that this fee included in the Full Day or Morning session is not mandatory, however we hope that parents do consider the 07:30 fee in their decision making for choosing sessions, as it forms part of the overall fee structure of the nursery.

If parents do choose a 08:00 session and arrive any earlier, please note that there will be an early drop off penalty of £10

Holidays

Monthly invoices will automatically deduct a set Holiday Allowance Deduction on fees due, in the form of **10% discount**, which has been annualised by the system and then applied monthly. Each month parents will receive a Holiday Request prompt to confirm if your child is off on Holiday or in all month during the upcoming month. This is so we can arrange staff rotas. You can also add Holidays in advance to the Family app at any time, which helps us future plan more accurately for staff annual leave. There is no limit on the amount of Holiday that may be taken but if a child takes less than the equivalent of 10% absence due to Holiday, during the academic year September to August, Manor Farm will invoice the bill payer for under-usage, i.e. greater attendance than anticipated. You can view your child's Holiday days by going to Child Profile – More – Notes.

Full Time, Sibling and Staff Discount

When a child is booked in to 5 days a week, this triggers a full week discount. The full 5 day week Discount = £40. When a child is not funded this is a saving of £1,600 per annum (52 – 7 (bank holiday weeks) – 5 holidays weeks = 40 weeks x 5 day weeks = 40 x £40 = £1,600). This will be deducted monthly as a £133.33 discount. When a child is funded this is a saving of £360 per annum (52 – 38 funded weeks – 5 holiday weeks = 9 weeks x 5 day weeks = 9 x £40 = £360). This will be deducted monthly as £30 discount.

Manor Farm offers a 5% sibling discount if you enroll three or more children with us that are Nursery age, i.e. 4 years and younger (this discount does not apply to Holiday Club children), on all fees due. Staff receive a 50% discount on all fees due.

Pre School Reduced sessions

Only in Pre School, after your child has turned 3 years old do we allow the flexibility to “reduce” sessions, during non Term Time weeks. This is because Manor Farm offsets these reduced sessions by enabling Holiday Club children bookings and staff are then available to work in this non Term Time offering, or to take more annual leave for their own families. Parents may reduce their child's sessions to as few as 2 x 0.5 days, on separate days. This enables continuity for the children for their learning. If the child doesn't attend, that's fine, it is just still chargeable and marked as an absence, as opposed to holiday. When non funded weeks are coming up in the forthcoming month we will send out a notification via Family or email to confirm if you would like reduced sessions. Please note in a particular week you cannot use Holiday and reduced sessions.

We advise Parents of pre school children to be familiar with Term Time and non term time weeks, as per [Term dates | Gloucestershire County Council](#). If you know how many and which days you would reduce sessions to during non term Time weeks, we are also grateful of advance notice for our planning and can set up a set “plan” for your child for those weeks. The price difference between the usual number of sessions and the reduced number of sessions, is deducted from that monthly invoice.

How do Manor Farm prefer to be paid?

Payment is requested in advance of the month, by the 16th month the month before. Many parents set up autopay, which pulls payment directly from their Tax Free Childcare account and matches payment the the invoice amount. The app can accept direct debit payments, but we do politely ask if you could pay by BACS if not paying by Tax Free Childcare, vouchers or other above mentioned companies affiliated with your employer. Late bookings will incur a 5% late or admin fee. Further 5% fees may be applied for prolonged late fees. In the event that a parent is not able to pay yet, or perhaps the fees in advance of funding kicking in are not affordable, we will happily agree a payment plan. Please do not hesitate to ask Kirsty, and certainly do not forfeit taking up a space or leaving without this being considered.

How are the monthly fees calculated?

Funding is applied to morning sessions, in blocks of 5 hours, and where relevant 10 hours (for example, commonly 30 hours is claimed in blocks of 10 x 3 across 3 days). Additional sessional hours, such as 07:30-08:00, the afternoons and those complete non-funded weeks are charged at the standard Nursery or Pre School rates, and built in to the below monthly fees.

Fees in the below table are also inclusive of consumables (food, nappies and wipes), but we note that some 2-4 year old children will be toilet trained and out of nappies. The month after your child is fully toilet trained staff will advise Management to update parent monthly fees. As

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mentioned, these fees if accepted, are not a condition of taking up a space. However, these fees help cover the cost of staff time for a child's space, such as writing Termly reports, preparing for the day, administrative back office and paid annual leave for permanent staff year round, i.e. when staff are not fully engaged in the direct care of your child.

April 2026 Monthly pricing

- These below monthly fees include ALL consumables, additional hours, and non-funded sessions during non term time, and your child's 10% Holiday Allowance discount
- "days" here are based on a full day 07:30-18:00 and "AM" = 07:30-13:00 and "PM" = 13:00-18:00
- Nappies and wipes have been charged £1.25 per day, based on average use of 4-6 nappies per day, or £0.85 for a half day
- Highlighted in green is the optimum value for utilising the full 30 hours funding
- We encourage parents to look at these monthly fees and consider the breakdown of hours, consumables and exceptional Early Year Education you will receive within our beautiful farm based setting

Monthly Fees	0 to 24 months		24 to 36 months		36 months +		36 months +	
	incl ALL consumables (food*, nappies & wipes)		incl ALL consumables (food*, nappies and wipes)		incl ALL consumables (food*, nappies and wipes)		incl food* (when fully potty trained, no nappies and wipes)	
	Before/not eligible for Funding	After Funding (30 hours for working parents**)	Before/not eligible for Funding	After Funding (30 hours for working parents**)	After Funding (15 hours universal)	After Funding (30 hours for working parents**)	After Funding (15 hours universal)	After Funding (30 hours for working parents**)
5 days a week	£1,529.06	£1,016.80	£1,509.62	£1,005.88	£1,422.40	£994.90	£1,398.01	£970.51
4 days a week	£1,329.92	£714.32	£1,314.36	£707.29	£1,127.72	£700.22	£1,108.20	£680.70
3 days a week	£997.43	£381.84	£985.77	£378.70	£803.03	£375.53	£788.40	£360.90
2 days a week	£664.96	£254.57	£657.18	£252.47	£392.85	£250.35	£383.11	£240.60
1.5 days a week	£573.70		£565.90		£213.23		£205.05	
3x AM a week	£723.65		£711.93		£264.16		£254.23	
3x PM a week	£665.17		£653.45		£214.24		£204.31	

*Food – a FULL DAY (07:30-18:00) or LONG DAY (08:00-18:00) includes breakfast, morning snack, chef cooked lunch, afternoon snack and a chef prepared light tea. And a morning includes breakfast, morning snack, and a chef cooked lunch, whereas an afternoon includes afternoon snack and a chef prepared light tea. For example: FULL DAY = £10, AM = £6, PM = £4. All then 10% discounted equivalent due to the annualised Holiday Allowance discount.

**working parents eligibility can be checked on [Best Start in Life - Best Start in Life](#)

***1.5 days a week is based on a full day and a morning, please enquire for a full day and an afternoon price, if preferred.

What is the full breakdown of session fees, prior to 10% Holiday Allowance Discount?

Session Fees	Referred to as:	0 to 24 months	24 to 36 months	36 months +	Holiday Club (incl ALL activities*)
07:30 - 18:00	Full Day	£74.00	£73.00	£72.00	£49.00
08:00 - 18:00	Late Day	£72.00	£71.00	£70.00	£46.00
07:30 - 08:00	0.5 hour	£2.00	£2.00	£2.00	
07:30 - 13:00	Morning	£55.00	£54.00	£53.00	
08:00 - 13:00	Late Morning/*	£53.00	£52.00	£51.00	£42.00
13:00 - 18:00	Afternoon	£52.00	£51.00	£50.00	

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Please note *Term Time only (08:00 – 13:00) spaces are limited and subject to availability. Our ethos at Manor Farm is about nurturing a home from home for children aged 0-4 years. We believe that long breaks in holidays can lead to unsettling due to their age and separation understanding and therefore starting each Term can be made more challenging for your child, unlike when they are of school age. However, we recognise that some families truly in need of a funded only space by accessing the government funding, may prefer Term Time only to enable their child(ren) to benefit developmentally.

Holiday Club session prices above include ALL external activities and transport provided (such as offsite swimming, offsite Forest School, Zoolab, Diatom Dave, pony grooming and riding, inflatable activity day, falconry, circus act etc., but may be subject to change or weather dependent, without a refund). Please refer to the flyers and communications nearer the time.

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