



ST JOSEPH'S ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School Nursery Charging Policy 2026-27

2-Year-Old Nursery

St Joseph's Nursery provides morning sessions for 2-year-olds (8.30 am to 11.30 am, *soft start from 8.20 am*) and all-day sessions (8.30 am to 2.45 pm, *soft start from 8.20 am*). This provision provides high-quality early education, starting the term after the child's second birthday. Our Nursery is open for 38 weeks per year.

Some 2-year-olds can get 15 hours of free childcare per week, but eligibility is generally restricted to families receiving extra government support or who meet specific circumstance criteria, such as those on Universal Credit, with low household incomes. Parents of 2-year-olds can pay for nursery fees for any hours exceeding government-funded entitlements. Where a parent/carer is not entitled to additional Government funding, and wishes to extend the funded hours to a full-time 30-hour place, additional charges will apply.

For more information visit:

[Free childcare | Brent Council](#)

3-Year-Old Nursery

All 3 and 4-year-olds are entitled to 15 hours of free childcare and education for the equivalent of 38 weeks per year from the term after their 3rd birthday. St Joseph's Nursery provides morning sessions for 3 to 4 year olds (8.30 am to 11.30 am, *soft start from 8.20 am*) and all day sessions (8.30 am to 2.45 pm, *soft start from 8.20 am*).

Where a parent/carer is not entitled to additional Government funding, and wishes to extend the funded hours to a full-time 30-hour place, additional charges will apply.

Working parents of 2 year olds and 3 year olds may be able to get [30 hours of free childcare a week](#) through the Free Childcare for Working Parents scheme. If you are entitled to this you must have your code and send it to the school in advance of your child starting. The code must be valid before the start of the term in which you wish to use it and the code must be revalidated every 3 months.

When to apply for 30 hours of free childcare:

If your child is starting Nursery	Deadline for submitting code to school
Between 1 September and 31 December	31 August
Between 1 January and 31 March	31 December
Between 1 April and 31 August	31 March

In addition, all of our Nursery children who attend **full time** will be provided with a healthy school meal at a cost of £12.50 per week. Parents may also decide to take their child home for lunch.

Payment Methods

Payment for extra nursery hours and school lunches will be managed through our school payment system Scopay. New parents will receive an online access letter which provides a Scopay app code to register or link to an existing account. Payment for charges will be set weekly in advance and parents will be notified to make the payment. Failure to pay by the deadline will result in the withdrawal of the child's additional sessions in our Nursery. There will be no charge for days when the school is closed e.g. Inset Days, Nursery Induction Days and school holidays.

