Free Early Education Entitlement – 3years+
Nightingale Nursery
Autumn Term 2026

We are delighted to be offering the Free Early Education entitlement for children from the term after their third birthday.

As Nightingale Nursery offers year-round provision, **we are offering the hours stretched over 48 weeks** (up to 12 hours per week). Where the 'stretched offer' leads to children exceeding their free early education hours, you will be given the option of removing your child from the setting or paying for the additional hours.

Our sessions are from 8.30am to 5.30pm, with optional wrap-around care from 7.30am and until 6.30pm. We do not provide part days as we feel educationally and operationally these are not in the best interests of the children or the Nursery setting.

We only offer the universal Free Early Education (FEE) Funding, we do not offer the extended entitlement. Please find enclosed the fee schedule showing the fees payable to Ashford School for the provision of nursery education during Autumn Term 26 at Nightingale Nursery. The schedule reflects the total payable for the period 7 September – 18 December 2026 (inclusive) in line with the KCC calendar. Charges can also be found on the fees pages of our website. The days 1-4 September 2026 are non-funded and will be charged at the Nursery's usual day rate.

A claim for FEE can be made from the term after a child's third birthday until the 1st term of their 5th birthday. Please note that this is only applicable up to the age of Reception class. If you would like your child to attend whole day sessions fees are payable in line with the schedule on the fees page of our website. You are, of course, able to indicate your preferred days and how many sessions you wish your child to attend each week. We will do our best to accommodate your preferences provided we have the available spaces and the necessary staff.

If you would like to access 12 hours FEE without incurring any charges you can do so between 3.00pm and 5.30pm Monday to Friday - the places will be subject to availability. If your child is only accessing the Free Early Education between the above-mentioned hours, there will be no registration fee or deposit and there will be no requirement to purchase school uniform or a school bag. The School's standard notice periods do not apply to Free Early Education, so there will be no fees in lieu of notice and we are unable to suspend or terminate the FEE.

At the start of the school term after your child's third birthday, you will be asked to complete and sign a Parental Declaration Form. This document will be available from the Nursery during the first week of September. Please ensure that you complete and sign this document, so that we can submit the claim for FEE on your behalf. In order to complete, the claim we will need to see your child's original birth certificate or passport. Therefore, please bring one of these documents when you come to sign the form.

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Meal Provision Update and charges

Nightingale Nursery will continue to provide breakfast, hot lunch, snacks and Tea during the day.

If you prefer to provide your child's food, including lunch, snacks and Tea and wish to *opt out* of the nursery's meal provision, please speak directly with the nursery management team.

Please refer to the attached document for details on food charges.

If the food is not provided and you have opted out of the nursery's meal provision, then the charge will occur.

Privacy notice

Please read the below Privacy notice, prior to completing the parental declaration form: ASH-Pupil-and-Parent-Privacy-notice.pdf (ashfordschool.fra1.digitaloceanspaces.com)

Early Years Pupil Premium
https://www.kelsi.org.uk/early-years/equality-and-inclusion/early-years-pupil-premium

Disability Access Funding
https://www.kelsi.org.uk/early-years/equality-and-inclusion/disability-access-fund-daf

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Schedule of fees inclusive of Free Early Education – Autumn Term 2026

Over 3 Years

NIGHTINGALE NURSERY	FEE hours accessed per week (stretched)	Charge for additional hours on funded days in period 7 September - 18 December 2026	Charge for lunches and snacks on funded days	Total	Charge for non-funded days 1-4 September 2026, if applicable
Full Day (8.30am-5.30pm)					
1 day per week	4	£833	£60	£893	£100/day
2 days per week	8	£1,667	£120	£1,787	£100/day
3 days per week	12	£2,500	£180	£2,680	£100/day
4 days per week	12	£4,000	£180	£4,180	£100/day
5 days per week	12	£5,005	£180	£5,185	£100/day
Maximum entitlements					
Total of 1 day per week	4				
Total of 2 days per week	8				
Total of 3 days per week	12				
Total of 4 days per week	12				
Total of 5 days per week	12				
Breakfast club (7.30-8.30am)	£11.00	per session			
Late stay (5.30-6.30pm)	£11.00	per session			