



## Wee Mack's Fees, Payment FAQs & Funding (from February 2024)

| SESSION FEES                  | Mack Babies                             | Mack Tots                              | Mini Macks (before funding) |
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| Age range                     | 6 months until 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday | 2 years until 3 <sup>rd</sup> birthday | 3 – 5 years                 |
| Rate (morning session = AM))  | £44                                     | £44                                    | £41                         |
| Rate (afternoon session = PM) | £40                                     | £40                                    | £37                         |
| Rate (full day = FD)          | £69                                     | £69                                    | £65                         |
| Rate (weekly)                 | £345                                    | £345                                   | £325                        |

### Weekly & Monthly Fees (Under 3s)

| Sessions / Cost per week | 2 x AM/ £88 | 3 x AM/ £132 | 4 x AM/£176 | 5 x AM/ £220 | 2 x PM/ £80 | 3 x PM/ £120 | 4 x PM/ £160 | 5 x PM/ £200 | 2 x FD/ £138 | 3 x FD/ £207 | 4 x FD/ £276 | 5 x FD/ £327.75 |
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| Monthly Invoice          | £352        | £572         | £762.67     | £953.33      | £346.67     | £520         | £693.33      | £866.67      | £598         | £897         | £1196        | £1349.24        |

### Weekly & Monthly Fees (over 3s - without funding)

| Sessions / Cost per week | 2 x AM/ £82 | 3 x AM/ £123 | 4 x AM/£164 | 5 x AM/ £205 | 2 x PM/ £74 | 3 x PM/ £148 | 4 x PM/ £185 | 5 x PM/ £185 | 2 x FD/ £130 | 3 x FD/ £195 | 4 x FD/ £260 | 5 x FD/ £325 |
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## Payment FAQs

### Why does 1 full day not appear on your fees table?

We recommend your child attends nursery on 2 separate occasions per week so that it is a more familiar environment to them. Therefore it is not possible to attend only 1 full day each week.

### Why is the monthly invoice amounted for under 3s greater than 4 weeks at nursery?

For under 3s, fees are worked out over 52 weeks of the year but charged monthly, hence this variation.

### Why do you charge for 52 weeks a year when you are closed over Christmas?

When we are closed, we still have to pay rent, business rates and our staff. It would make more sense to stay open! However we feel that our staff deserve that important family time, as do our Wee Mack children and their families.

### Why are half days more costly than full days?

Having a child in for a full day is simpler for staffing, administration, cleaning, laundry etc.



**Why are morning sessions more costly than afternoon sessions?**

Morning sessions include higher food provision as breakfast and lunch is included.

**Why are the rates different for under 3s, and over 3s?**

Staff ratios are different for under 3s so this is why their rates are higher.

**Do you offer funded hours for preschool children?**

Yes, we are currently in partnership with CEC for funding for children aged 3-5 and eligible 2 year olds. Please see further details on funding below.

**Do you accept childcare vouchers, higher education funding or Tax-Free Childcare payments?**

Yes, we do! To find out more about Tax-Free Childcare please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/get-tax-free-childcare>

For other assistance available please see: <https://www.mygov.scot/childcare-costs-help/other-help-with-childcare-costs>

**Are meals included? What about nappies and wipes?**

Yes – breakfast, fruit and lunch for morning sessions; and a snack for afternoon sessions. Children attending all day receive all meals. The only exception is babies receiving formula or breast milk – please supply this for your baby. We don't serve 'dinner' so that your child can still have their evening meal at home after an afternoon at nursery. Nappies, wipes and other consumables are also included.

**Is there a deposit or registration fee?**

Yes – £100 registration fee is required for all children (except funded) at enrolment. This covers the cost of settling in sessions, start-up administration, water bottles/sippy cups and so on. It is not a deposit so is not refundable.

**When/how do we pay?**

Payment is due monthly in advance, before the 31<sup>st</sup> of the previous month (payment for Feb due by 31st Jan, and so on).

We can currently only accept bank transfer or standing order as a method of receiving non voucher payments. Bank details can be found in the footer of your invoice.

**Can I increase / change sessions?**

Extra sessions are chargeable and depend on availability. It isn't possible to swap sessions. A permanent change to attendance schedule requires a 4 week notice period.

**What if we decide to leave Wee Mack's?**

We require a 4 week notice period, upon receipt of which we will provide a final invoice. If your reason for leaving is financial, please speak to us to review options.



## Funding

### What funding is available?

Wee Mack's Nursery, in partnership with City of Edinburgh Council, is able to offer 1140 hours of funding for each school year, for children aged 3-5 years, and eligible 2 year olds.

### How is the funding applied?

As we are open all year round (except Christmas shutdown), we offer stretched funding, which means that you receive funded childcare every week that we are open. In other words, the 1140 hours are split over the course of the whole year, rather than the school year.

### When does funding start?

Your child becomes eligible from the term after their third birthday, therefore if your child is born between

- 1 September 2020 and 31 December 2020, they start in the spring term in January 2024
- 1 January 2021 and 29 February 2021, they start in the summer term in April 2024
- 1 March 2021 and 31 August 2021, they start in the autumn term in August 2024
- 1 September 2021 and 31 December 2021, they start in the spring term in January 2025

### How much funding will we receive?

Children who become eligible from August will be entitled to 1140 hours of funding in that school year, which is equivalent to 22 hours per week. In January the hours will decrease for the remainder of that year until funding for the next school year recommences in August and from April until funding for the next school year recommences in August (after which time 22 hours will apply all year round). The amount of hours available from January and April depends on the term dates so is variable. You don't need to use all the funding that is available to you. We will discuss how the funded hours can be applied with you prior to your child's start date. For funded children, invoices are based on actual sessions weekly, so may vary month on month.

### What does the funding cover?

All snacks, meals, personal care items and so on are included, as well as the relevant number of hours per week. Should you require extra hours in addition to those covered by funding, these are charged at £8 per hour; £41 per am session; £37 per PM session and £65 per full day session.

### How do we register our child?

For new children, please complete an online enquiry form for your child and forward copies of the following documents to [manager@weemacks.com](mailto:manager@weemacks.com)

- Your child's birth certificate or passport
- Proof of address such as Council Tax or utility bill

Children already attending the setting will be automatically eligible.

### Can we change the sessions our child attends?

For extra sessions please enquiry for availability. These will be chargeable if they are not part of the funding arrangement. For a permanent schedule change we require notice of one month.



**If we decide to change nursery, or are granted a place within school nursery, do we lose funding?**

Funding follows the child so it is possible to change provider however we do ask for a notice period of one month where possible.

**What about blended models?**

The 1140 funded hours entitlement can be used between different settings, please indicate if you require this when registering.

**Can we access funding from the age of 2?**

Depending on circumstances, children may be eligible for funding from the age of 2. Please check here for further details on Terrific 2 Year Olds:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/nurseries-childcare/nursery-places-two-year-olds/1>