



CANOPY

children's nursery

BICESTER

PRIVATE Nursery Fees from September 2026

Session	Hours	Fees
Full Day	7.30am - 6.30pm	£90
AM Session	7.30am - 1.00pm	£63
PM Session	1.00pm - 6.30pm	£58
School time	8.30am - 3.30pm	£77.50
Flexible Drop-in	2 hours	£28.00

5% sibling discount across all private sessions

To enable your child to develop their relationship with their key worker and to settle into the nursery routine, when accessing private hours we ask for bookings of at least 2 Full day sessions per week or 3 School time, AM or PM sessions per week.

We also offer flexible 2-hour drop-in sessions at £28.00 per 2 hours, which can be booked on a week-to-week basis. Drop-in sessions are subject to availability and must be booked and confirmed by the nursery. We aim to be as flexible as possible to fit in with your family's childcare requirements, but availability is always subject to the sessions available at the time of booking.

Fees are subject to review by Canopy, and we may amend them by providing you with one months' notice.

Let's get started

Contact us via bicester@canopynurseries.co.uk

At Canopy Nurseries, we want to ensure families have access to trusted, up-to-date guidance on supporting their child's early development. That's why we direct parents to the government's Best Start in Life website (<https://www.beststartinlife.gov.uk/>), which provides valuable information, advice, and resources to help give every child the strongest possible start.



Funded Childcare - Enhanced Provision

Canopy Bicester accepts Government-funded childcare for eligible children, enabling eligible families to access their 15 or 30 hours of funded childcare entitlement, subject to the eligibility criteria and funding arrangements applicable to the child.

Funded hours can be accessed on either a term-time basis (38 weeks per year) or stretched across 51 weeks of the year

Parents can choose to use their funded entitlement as funded hours only or combine their funded hours with additional private hours. Any additional private hours will be charged at a pro rata rate based on our private fees (showing on page 1), as the funding calculation may result in odd hours and minutes.

The way in which funded hours are used can be discussed with the nursery at the point of enquiry. We will provide an individual weekly breakdown based on the child's attendance pattern, funding entitlement and any additional private hours requested.

Families are not required to purchase additional services to access their child's Government-funded childcare entitlement. Families may choose a fully funded arrangement and provide their child's own meals and snacks, in accordance with Canopy Bicester's Packed Lunch and Snacks Policy

Additional Service Fee Information

Where funded hours are used as part of our enhanced provision, additional service charges may apply for meals, snacks, consumables, activities and any unfunded hours. These charges are separate from the Government-funded hours and relate to the additional services and provisions provided by the nursery.

Parents may choose which additional services they wish to access. The services selected will apply for the relevant term and should be confirmed with the nursery before the start of that term. Any changes to the services selected will be subject to agreement with the nursery and may only be made from the start of a subsequent term.

Parents may alternatively choose to access funded hours only and provide their child's meals and snacks in accordance with the nursery's packed lunch and snacks policy.



Additional Service Fee's

Full Day - £23.48

Service	Charge
Breakfast	£2.00
AM Snack	£1.50
Lunch	£3.50
PM Snack	£1.50
Dinner	£3.30
Full Day Consumables, wipes and activities	£3.50
Unfunded Hour(s) Prorated from the daily rate for unfunded hour	£8.18
Daily Service Charge Total	£23.48

AM Session - £14.73

Service	Charge
Breakfast	£2.00
AM Snack	£1.50
Lunch	£3.50
Half - Day Consumables, wipes and Activities	£2.00
Unfunded Hour(s) Prorated from the daily rate for unfunded hour	£5.73
Daily Service Charge Total	£14.73

PM Session - £12.07

Service	Charge
PM Snack	£1.50
Dinner	£3.30
Half - Day Consumables, wipes and Activities	£2.00
Unfunded Hour(s) Prorated from the daily rate for unfunded hour	£5.27
Daily Service Charge Total	£12.07

Specialist Activities and Enhanced Provision



Our enhanced provision includes specialist activities and experiences delivered by Canopy and external providers, such as Forest School, Football Factory and Mini Movers. We regularly review and refresh the range of activities available to children to ensure a varied and engaging programme. Information about new specialist activities and external providers will be shared with families and updated as additional opportunities are introduced.

This is not a separate charge for attending a specific activity, and families are not required to make an additional payment to participate in individual activities. Families accessing Government-funded childcare will be able to access the enhanced provision as part of their nursery experience. Where an activity is not suitable for a child, or a child does not wish to take part, they will continue to receive appropriate care, learning and development opportunities within the nursery in line with the EYFS





Funded Childcare - '15 and 30hrs

15 Hours Funded Childcare

Eligible children may access their 15-hour entitlement either during the 38 weeks of the school year or stretched across 51 weeks of the year.

Where the 15-hour entitlement is stretched across 51 weeks, this provides 11 hours and 10 minutes of funded childcare per week.

Parents may choose to use their funded entitlement only, or combine funded hours with additional private hours, subject to availability.

30 Hours Funded Childcare

Eligible children may access their 30-hour entitlement either during the 38 weeks of the school year or stretched across 51 weeks of the year.

Where the 30-hour entitlement is stretched across 51 weeks, this provides 22 hours and 21 minutes of funded childcare per week.

Parents may choose to use their funded entitlement only, or combine funded hours with additional private hours, subject to availability.

Individual Funding and Fee Calculations

Every family's childcare requirements are different. We do not prescribe how parents must use their funded entitlement. At the point of enquiry, we will discuss the sessions required and provide an individual weekly breakdown showing the funded hours and any additional private hours and applicable charges.

Meals, Snacks and Consumables

Meals, snacks and consumables are included within the applicable enhanced service charge shown on Page 3. Families who do not wish to purchase the meals and snacks provided by the nursery may provide their child with a packed lunch and snacks for the duration of their booked session. These should be in line with the meals and snacks that would otherwise be provided by the nursery and must comply with our Packed Lunch and Snack Policy.

Please refer to our Packed Lunch and Snack Policy for further information and the requirements that apply when providing food from home.



Examples of Funded-Only Attendance Patterns

The examples below show how eligible children can access their Government-funded entitlement without purchasing any additional hours, using either our stretched or term-time funding options.

These are examples only and are provided to demonstrate how funded hours can fit within our available session times. They are not fixed attendance patterns or discounted packages. Individual attendance plans can be discussed and agreed with families, subject to nursery availability and the applicable funding arrangements.

15 Hours Government-Funded Entitlement – Stretched Equivalent: 11 Hours 10 Minutes per Week

Option 1

- School Day (8:30am to 3:30pm) = 7h
- Morning Session (7:30am to 11:40am) = 4h 10m
- Total = 11h 10m

Option 2

- Morning Session (7:30am to 1:00pm) = 5h 30m
- Morning Session (7:30am to 1:10pm) = 5h 40m
- Total = 11h 10m

Option 3

- Morning Session (7:30am to 1:10pm) = 5h 40m
- Afternoon Session (1:00pm to 6:30pm) = 5h 30m
- Total = 11h 10m

30 Hours Government-Funded Entitlement – Stretched Equivalent: 22 Hours 21 Minutes per Week

Option 1

- School Day (8:30am to 3:30pm) = 7h
- School Day (8:30am to 3:30pm) = 7h
- School Day (7:30am to 3:51pm) = 8h 21m
- Total = 22h 21m

Option 2

- School Day (8:30am to 3:30pm) = 7h
- Morning Session (7:30am to 1:00pm) = 5h 30m
- Morning Session (7:30am to 1:00pm) = 5hr 30m
- Morning Session (7:30am to 11:51am) = 4hr 21m
- Total = 22h 21m

Option 3

- Morning Session (7:30am to 12:51pm) = 5h 21m
- Full Day (7:30am to 5:30pm) = 10h
- School Day (8:30am to 3.30pm) = 7h
- Total = 22h 21m

15 Hours Term Time

Option 1

- Full Day (7:30am to 5:30pm) = 10h
- Morning Session (7:30am to 12:30am) = 5h
- Total = 15h

Option 2

- Morning Session (7:30am to 1:00pm) = 5h 30m
- Morning Session (7:30am to 1:00pm) = 5h 30m
- Morning Session (7:30 to 11:30pm) = 4h
- Total = 15h

Option 3

- School Day (8:30am to 3:30pm) = 7h
- Morning Session (7:30am to 11:40am) = 4h
- Morning Session (7:30am to 11:40am) = 4h
- Total = 15h

30 Hours Term Time

Option 1

- Full Day (7:30am to 5:30pm) = 10h
- Full Day (7:30am to 5:30am) = 10h
- Full Day (7:30am to 5:30pm) = 10h
- Total = 30h



Option 2

- Full Day (7:30am to 5:30pm) = 10h
- Full Day (7:30am to 5:30pm) = 10h
- Morning Session (7:30am to 12:30pm) = 5h
- Afternoon Session (1:00pm to 6pm) = 5h
- Total = 30h

Option 3

- Full Day (7:30am to 5:30pm) = 10h
- Full Day (7:30am to 5:30pm) = 10h
- School Day (8:30am to 3:30pm) = 7h
- Afternoon Session (1:00pm to 4pm) = 3h
- Total = 30h



Useful details

We are open for 51 weeks of the year, closing for one week between Christmas and New Year. We are also closed on bank holidays throughout the year.

While fees are not charged for the Christmas closure week (between Christmas Day and New Year's Eve inclusive), they remain payable for all bank holidays. For funded hours only, we will offer an alternative session for any funded hours missed due to a bank holiday within the same term, subject to availability and our ability to maintain the required staff-to-child ratios

Fees & Charges

Fees include all meals and snacks but exclude formula milk, nappies, and any highly specific dietary requirements. Fees are payable in advance on the 1st of every month. For funded hours only, we understand that children may occasionally need time away from nursery due to illness or other unavoidable circumstances. Funding can usually continue during short-term absences of up to 20 funded days. Where a child is absent for a longer period due to sickness or another unavoidable reason, we may be able to seek approval from Oxfordshire County Council for funding to continue, subject to their criteria.

Ad hoc sessions cannot be cancelled and will remain chargeable once booked and confirmed by management. Payment for ad hoc sessions must be cleared in full before the session begins.

If payment is not received in full within 3 days of the invoice due date, a £50 per day administration charge will be applied from the invoice due date, and attendance for any hours or services not covered by government funding will be suspended until the outstanding balance is settled. Children receiving government-funded hours may continue to attend their funded hours during this period.

If a payment remains outstanding for more than 5 days from the due date, we reserve the right to issue a 14-day termination notice in writing. During the notice period, attendance for any hours or services not covered by government funding may be suspended, while children receiving government-funded hours may continue to attend their funded hours only. All outstanding fees, together with fees due for the applicable 2-month notice period, will remain payable.

Discounts & Promotions

Families with two or more children attending simultaneously receive a 5% sibling discount, applied to the child with the lower fees if they attend different sessions.

We may offer seasonal promotions or discounts at certain times of the year, which will be communicated through official channels. These promotions are limited to one per family and cannot be combined unless explicitly stated. All discounts are subject to change at the discretion of the Directors.

Funding

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Parents can choose how to use their funded entitlement, either as funded hours only or by combining their funded hours with additional private hours and/or additional services. Funded hours can be accessed on a term-time basis (38 weeks per year) or stretched across 51 weeks of the year. The way in which funded hours are used will be discussed with each family, and we will provide an individual weekly breakdown showing the funded hours, any additional private hours and applicable charges.

Families choosing our enhanced provision may access additional services, which can include meals, snacks, consumables, activities and

any hours not covered by the Government-funded entitlement. Parents may choose which additional services they wish to access, and these will be agreed with the nursery before the start of the relevant term.

Families who wish to access their funded entitlement without purchasing additional services may choose a fully funded arrangement and provide their child's own meals and snacks in accordance with our Packed Lunch and Snacks Policy. Families may also choose to use only part of their funded entitlement at Canopy Bicester, with any unused entitlement remaining available to the family in accordance with the applicable funding arrangements.

Where funded hours are combined with additional private hours, the additional hours will be charged at the applicable private rate. An individual fee breakdown will be provided based on the child's agreed attendance pattern and funded entitlement.

Registration Fee & Deposit

A non-refundable registration fee of £95 is required to secure your child's place at Canopy Bicester. This fee will not be charged where your child is accessing fully funded hours only, including eligible early learning 2-year-old funded sessions.

A £150 deposit is payable once a start date and sessions have been confirmed. For funded-only places, the deposit will be refunded within 4 weeks of your child's start date, provided that all terms and conditions are met. For children attending additional private hours alongside their funded hours, the deposit will be refunded upon your child's departure, provided that all terms and conditions have been met.

If a parent/guardian withdraws a place before the child's start date, the deposit will be refunded if two full months' written notice is provided. Without the required notice, the deposit will be forfeited.

Waiting List

If a suitable space is not immediately available, we operate a fair waiting list process. We will notify you as soon as a space becomes available. Preference is given to families signing up for full day sessions and for five sessions per week.

Place Offer

If offered a place, we kindly ask for a prompt response including payment of the deposit which acts as confirmation that you would like to accept the place. If we do not hear from you within 72 hours, we will assume you no longer require the place and will offer it to the next family on the waiting list.

Once a place is accepted the start date and session plan can be deferred or amended once, subject to availability, with at least two months' notice. Further changes or a retraction from a change will result in forfeiture of the deposit. In exceptional circumstances, the nursery reserves the right to amend the session plan before the start date providing as much notice as possible.

Right of withdrawal

If you accept a nursery place, you have the legal right to change your mind within 14 days. However, if your child has already started within this period, you will be required to pay for any services received.

Cancellations & Notice Period

A minimum of two months' written notice is required to cancel any non-funded (private) childcare hours or additional services.

T&C

For Government-funded hours, a minimum of two weeks' written notice is required, unless a different notice period is required or permitted under the relevant Local Authority funding arrangements.

Where a child's booking includes both funded and non-funded hours, the applicable notice period will apply separately to each. The funded entitlement will remain separate from any private childcare agreement and will not be withdrawn, suspended or terminated due to non-payment of private fees or additional service charges.
Non-payment of Private Fees or Services.

Where a parent/carer fails to pay for non-funded hours or additional services, the nursery will:

Contact the parent/carer promptly to discuss the outstanding balance and establish whether there are any difficulties affecting payment.

Issue a written reminder outlining the outstanding fees, payment deadline and any agreed payment arrangements.

Where necessary, agree a reasonable payment plan to support the parent/carer in clearing the outstanding balance.

If payment remains outstanding, provide written notice of any action relating to the non-funded hours or additional services, in accordance with the agreed contractual terms and applicable notice period.

Any decision to amend or terminate privately funded childcare arrangements will be managed separately from the child's Government-funded entitlement. The nursery will continue to deliver the child's eligible funded hours in accordance with the relevant Local Authority funding agreement, regardless of any outstanding private fees.

The nursery will not make access to funded hours conditional upon payment for additional services, private hours or outstanding debts. Parents/carers will be given clear information about any changes to their private booking, ensuring that the child's funded entitlement remains protected.

During the notice period, the nursery will continue to provide childcare, and parents/guardians must continue to pay all due fees. If fees are not paid during this period, the child's place will be withdrawn, and outstanding payments will be formally due.

If a parent/guardian withdraws their child after giving notice, they will still be responsible for two months' fees. The deposit will be applied toward these fees, with the parent responsible for any remaining balance.

Failure to provide the required notice will result in liability for two months' fees. Notice must be provided in writing via email or post to the nursery manager. The notice period begins from the date of receipt.

Late Collection

A late collection charge of £10 per 10 minutes will apply if your child is collected later than their scheduled time.

Flexibility & Changes

We aim to accommodate your family's needs, but we require two months' notice for any permanent changes to your schedule. Additional ad-hoc sessions are subject to availability.

Updating Contact & Personal Details

Parents must notify the nursery of any changes to contact details, personal information, dietary requirements, or medical circumstances. Updates can be made via the Family App.

Notice of Removal

We reserve the right to terminate a child's place if a serious breach of terms and conditions occurs or if it is in the best interests of the nursery, staff, or other children.

Policies & Procedures

A copy of Canopy Bicester's policies and procedures is available for parents/guardians to review at the nursery. This includes our Complaints Procedure, which must be followed for any disputes.

Acceptance of Terms & Conditions

By enrolling your child at Canopy Bicester, you agree to the above terms and conditions, effective from 1st October 2026, until superseded by an updated version.

Parents whose children are already enrolled with us are automatically agreed to the new terms and conditions effective from 1st October 2026. Without the required notice, the deposit will be forfeited.

