



Parent Fee Policy

Fees for Under 3 Years

- \$9.50 per hour
- All food is included in the hourly rate.
- Minimum enrolment: 2 full days per week (9:00am–3:00pm)

Fees for Over 3 Years

- \$22.50 for 30 minutes each day
- 20 hours free, up to 6 hours per day
- \$9.50 per hour thereafter
- All food is included in the daily rate.
- Minimum enrolment: 3 days per week, with a minimum attendance of 6.5 hours per day
- 10% discount for enrolments of 4 days per week
- 15% discount for enrolments of 5 days per week

Sibling Discount

- 10% discount applies to second and subsequent tamariki enrolled at Nestlings.

Payment of Fees

- Fees must be paid in full unless an alternative arrangement has been approved by management.
- Invoices are emailed weekly on Mondays and are due within 7 days.
- A 5% late payment fee will be applied to overdue accounts.
- Accounts unpaid for more than one month may be referred to a debt collection agency. Any reasonable debt recovery costs may be charged to the account holder where permitted by law.

Holidays and Absences

- Tamariki are entitled to up to 7 weeks of illness and/or holiday leave per year, charged at 50% of their normal fees. This entitlement is calculated on a pro-rata basis.
- 10 days notice is required to qualify for a holiday day to ensure we staff accordingly.
- Please call before 8am if your child is sick or unwell for the day to ensure you get a 50% discount.
- No fees are charged on statutory public holidays when the centre is closed.
- Tamariki are entitled to three weeks holiday at a time, charged at 50%. After three weeks, MoE funding will stop and full fees will apply.



20 Hours ECE

- Nestlings participates in the Government's 20 Hours ECE scheme for tamariki aged 3 years and over.
- Whānau must complete an attestation form specifying the days and hours (up to 6 hours per day and 20 hours per week) to be claimed under the scheme.

Changes to Enrolment

- Two weeks' written notice is required to change enrolled days or hours.
- Three weeks' written notice is required to withdraw a tamaiti from the centre.
- Fees remain payable throughout the notice period and until the end of the week in which your child leaves.

Attendance and Collection

- Nestlings is open from 8:00am–4:30pm.
- Tamariki may not be enrolled at another early childhood service during the same hours they attend Nestlings.
- Parents and caregivers are expected to collect their tamariki at their enrolled finish time.
- A late collection fee of \$1.00 per minute applies after the enrolled collection time.
- If you notify the centre before your child's booked finish time that you will be late, their booking may be extended and normal fees will apply for the additional time.

Fee Reviews

- Management reserves the right to review and adjust fees. At least one month's written notice will be provided before any fee increase takes effect.
- We will aim to review our fees at the beginning of April each year.

Government Assistance

Eligible families may be able to access childcare assistance through:

- Work and Income (WINZ) Childcare Subsidy – visit www.workandincome.govt.nz or phone 0800 559 009.
- FamilyBoost – a childcare payment designed to help eligible families with the cost of ECE. Eligibility can be checked through your myIR account.

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