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BRAMBLETYE

Nursery Fees - 2026/2027

Children can attend Brambletye’s Nursery from the age of two years old and they are welcome to start at any time during term-time. The Nursery provides flexible childcare with term-time, all-year-round (50 weeks a year) and one-off or ad-hoc sessions available. It is open from 7.30am to 6pm Monday to Friday with closures during Christmas, Bank Holidays and school INSET days. From 1 September 2026, the charges are as follows.

Session	Hours	Daily Rates	
		Standard Rate	FE Funded Rate*
Breakfast Club	7.30am - 8.15am	£9.00	-
Morning (including lunch)	8.15am - 12.30pm	£45.00	-
School Day	8.15am - 3.30pm	£70.75	£47.50
School Day (including Stay & Play - pick up 4.15pm)	8.15am - 4.15pm	£78.25	£55.00
School Day (including Stay & Play - pick up 5.15pm)	8.15am - 5.15pm	£88.25	£65.00
School Day (including Stay & Play - pick up 6pm)	8.15am - 6pm	£95.75	£72.50
<i>Note: all dropping off and pick up times are aligned throughout the School from Nursery to Year 8</i>			
<i>* FE Funded Rate only available during term-time weeks - see Universal Free Entitlement (FE) section below</i>			

Sessions, Additional Sessions and Clubs

The Daily Rates cover all charges, such as play equipment, stationery, nappies, wipes, sun cream, meals, snacks and personal accident insurance. They also include specialist subjects each day during term-time which are taught by specialist teachers. Specialist subjects include cookery, swimming, dance, forest school (provided all-year-round), gymnastics, ICT, music and sport. Alongside the specialist subjects, children enjoy a variety of other structured topics which include free play, topical activities, circle time, visiting the on-site library and joining the Pre-Prep for assemblies, concerts, and themed events.

To enable planning, sessions must be pre-booked in advance before the beginning of term by completing a booking form. A minimum of two Morning or School Day sessions are required per week. There is the opportunity to increase sessions with immediate effect, subject to availability. To reduce sessions, a term’s notice must be given in writing. It is also possible to book additional one-off or ad-hoc sessions if there is space available. All additional sessions which are not pre-booked before the beginning of term are charged at the standard rate, not the funded rate, as this cannot be applied after the headcount date each term has passed. Any extra sessions will be added to your bill at the end of each term.

The full session fee is due for any sessions missed through absence, sickness, holidays or otherwise. Likewise, no sessions in lieu of the aforementioned will be given and so it is not possible to swap sessions in cases of non-attendance.

If a child is not collected from the Nursery at the end of the session, and no contact has been made to inform the school of alternative arrangements for collection, the school will make every attempt to get in touch with the parent/guardian. If this is unsuccessful, the school will contact the child's nominated emergency contact and request that they collect the child. The Nursery will allow time for that person to arrive (or stay open if at the end of the day). A late collection charge of £15.00 per 15 minutes will be charged for late collections to cover any associated staff costs. The school asks that all parents/guardians keep the nursery fully informed if they are held up when travelling to collect their child.

Nursery children are able to attend after school clubs such as ballet and Mini Notes, the school's early years music sessions. These carry an additional fee which will be billed at the end of each term.

Catering

Freshly prepared, balanced and nutritious meals are provided each day, carefully tailored to meet all individual allergy and dietary requirements. With thoughtfully designed menus, the nursery encourages children to explore new flavours and develop confident, adventurous palates during these formative years. Nursery pupils can enjoy up to three freshly prepared meals a day — breakfast, lunch and tea/supper. Breakfast provides a nourishing start to the morning, while a freshly prepared lunch is served at midday. Tea/Supper is offered later in the afternoon, and a light tea of sandwiches and fruit is also available between sessions. Each meal is planned to ensure children receive a healthy balance of nutrients to support their growth, energy and wellbeing throughout the day.

Opening Times

The Nursery is open between 7.30am to 6pm, Monday to Friday with closures during Christmas, Bank Holidays and INSET days (usually falling before the start of each term). Closure dates will be published in advance to all parents. For any funded children who are scheduled to be in on those days, an alternative day that term can be made available to them if they choose, subject to availability.

For all year-round children, up to four holidays of full one weekly blocks can be taken each academic year. Any holiday breaks taken must be agreed in advance with at least one full month's notice. All other absences will be charged for in full.

Admission

Confirmation of your child's start date and sessions will be confirmed once the school has received a signed Registration Form, a non-refundable Registration Fee of £120, a signed Parent Contract and full payment of a £1,200 deposit. The deposit will be retained in the general funds of the school until the pupil leaves and will only be repaid if the child completes the 'Early Years' stage of their education (Reception).

To support a smooth and confident transition before starting Nursery, the school invites children to attend complimentary settling in sessions. These typically take place in the two week period prior to a child's start date and may be extended where appropriate to reflect each child's individual personal and social needs. These are planned flexibly between parents and the child's key person at mutually convenient times.

Priority of Places

Priority for admission to the Nursery is allocated according to a clear hierarchy. Firstly, to children who have a sibling currently enrolled at the school and who demonstrate a clear intention to continue through to Reception and beyond. Secondly, to those without siblings who demonstrate a firm commitment to continuing their educational journey at Brambletye into Reception and the subsequent years. And thirdly, based on the availability of specific sessions and how these align with the school's capacity.

The admissions process also involves a holistic review of the child's potential to thrive within the setting. This includes a review of any previous nursery or health reports, a visit to the school, a taster session, and an informal meeting with the Head of Pre-Prep and the Headmaster. These criteria ensure that Brambletye provides a consistent educational pathway for families.

Notice Period

To withdraw a child from Nursery, a clear term's written notice by email must be provided to the Headmaster - headmaster@brambletye.com. For example, to withdraw a child with effect from the start of the autumn term (i.e. at the start of an academic year) then the School must be informed in writing before the first day of the preceding summer term (i.e. the final term of the preceding academic year).

Billing

Regular term-time or all-year-round sessions based on pre-agreed requirements will be billed termly in advance. Any additional sessions and extras are charged in arrears on the next termly bill. All bills are payable by the first day of term.

All Childcare Voucher Schemes are accepted and the school is also registered to accept payments from Tax-Free Childcare accounts.

Universal Free Entitlement (FE)

Brambletye offers the Universal Free Entitlement (FE) for term-time sessions only. This is Government funded free childcare available to all 3 and 4 year olds and provides up to 15 FE hours per week. It can be claimed from the term after a child's 3rd birthday until the term when their 5th birthday falls. In order to claim this free childcare, a West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) Parent Declaration Form must be completed.

When eligible children sign up for term-time sessions, they are entitled to a maximum of 495 hours per year. Brambletye allows one claim of three hours, between 12.30pm and 3.30pm up to the maximum of 15 hours per week. Funding is spread over 33 weeks incorporated within the session with the remaining hours payable. The maximum number of hours in any one day is 3 hours.

The funding amount received from WSSCC is for the setting to use towards the cost of childcare only. Therefore an additional supplement has been applied within the FE funded rates which cover the cost of snacks, consumables and activities.

All FE hours are subject to availability and are claimed in advance by the school on behalf of the parent/guardian in termly blocks at the start of each term. Therefore funding cannot be applied in arrears to any ad-hoc irregular sessions or hours.

Other

Whilst attending Brambletye, the Headmaster expects pupils and parents to be fully committed and supportive of the school, both in and out of school hours. The school reserves the right to change its fees and policies and in accordance with any changes in government policy or funding. Please refer to the school's Terms and Conditions for more information which are available on our website. Fees are current at the time of printing.

All fees, additional charges and extras are inclusive of VAT (where applicable).