

Prospectus

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Introduction

Brock House Nursery School, established in 1991 by the present owners, is open from 7.30am to 6.45pm all year, and cares for up to 52 children aged between two and five years. There is a separate Baby Unit for under two year olds. We try to ensure that learning takes place without forcing or pushing a child beyond his or her current stage of development, although our aim is that the child will achieve reading, writing and arithmetic skills, as well as the vital social skills, to a level which ensures a smooth and happy transition into Pre- Preparatory or Reception Class on leaving our care.

Location

Brock House is a purpose designed residential building in a pleasant area, close to the centre of the City and within two minutes walk of the City Station. It is also close to Clarence Park, which is of benefit for both physical and nature study activities. Our comfortable building provides excellent accommodation on two floors for the children in a warm and homely atmosphere - so important for young children who are being cared for away from their own family home. The younger children take part in play based activities on the ground floor, while the older pre-school children "graduate" to the first floor for more structured activities. We have a large secure outdoor area which provides both traditional garden and hard surface, giving space and opportunity for fun, gardening and physical development. While we encourage walking/cycling to nursery, off-road pick up/dropping off space is provided for children who arrive by car.

Settling in Visits for New Children

We encourage parents to bring their child for one or two settling in sessions before they are due to start at Nursery. These visits will be arranged for you by the Principal/Deputy, either on registration or nearer to your child's start date.



What particular benefits does your child receive as a result of attending Brock House Nursery School?

These can be summarised under three very important headings:

Care, Opportunity & Safety

CARE

- a) high ratio of staff at least 1 per 6 children (1 per 4 two year olds).
- b) a small, close knit, and friendly team who are highly qualified and experienced.
- c) all staff are First Aid trained and have Food Hygiene Certificates.
- d) residential setting, warm and light, and sufficiently small to create a homely atmosphere.

The above help to ensure that individual attention can be offered when needed (i.e. cuddles for an upset child), small groups can learn to co-operate and work together, and no child goes unnoticed.

- e) healthy and balanced diet, also covering essential religious and dietary needs;
- f) high standards of cleanliness; including premises "fogging" once a week.
- g) encouragement of social skills; table manners, personal hygiene, taking exercise and fresh air outdoors:
- h) well-planned, but flexible day, ensuring that children can rest when required, and that particularly those children who have a long day do not become bored or over-exerted.

OPPORTUNITY

There is **equal** access for all the children and it is not dependent on arbitrary factors such as age, sex, size, nationality etc. Staff and children are encouraged to use basic Maketon. Each child is assisted to progress to the maximum of their individual capability – no-one is forced.

A) Relatively small unit and high staff ratio allows opportunity for:

- i) both small groups and one-to-one activities; giving greater understanding of each child's individual learning needs.
- ii) establishment of individual learning programmes, allowing each child to maximise their potential **whatever their ability level**;
- iii) much conversation while activities are in progress;

B) As a Nursery School our specialist staff offer the opportunity to learn and enjoy:

- i) familiar routines, relationships with teachers, many early learning situations;
- ii) respect for staff and peers when in learning situations.
- iii) the concept of sharing.

These help ensure an easy transition to the next stage of schooling.



C) Brock House particularly offers the opportunity of:

- i) an environment which celebrates the childrens work and efforts;
- ii) the promotion of their own self-confidence; development of independence and resilience.
- iii) a constantly growing/changing range of resources, making use of natural materials.
- iv) the use of both formal and informal learning methods:
- v) the very best results from each individual's potential, with long-term benefits into later life.

All of these help contribute to each child's wellbeing.

SAFETY

A) Purpose built premises allows:

- i) highly sensitive, circuit breaker controlled, electricity supply;
- ii) full smoke/fire detection by powered alarm system:
- iii) thermostatic control valves covering all hot taps that are accessible to the children;
- iv) well laid out rooms so that children are easily visible to the staff (and everyone can be evacuated from the building in 90 seconds!)
- v) child level handrails and safety stair edgings, plus non-opening child height upstairs windows.
- vi) finger guards on all child accessible doors.

B) Always more than one highly trained member of staff on duty:

- i) more than 1 child can have immediate attention if necessary;
- ii) should any member of staff have to leave the immediate vicinity of the children, there is always another available, ensuring the children are never unattended.

C) All staff are Police and Health checked

D) Premises, staff and policies are regularly inspected

- i) OFSTED carries out review inspections, unannounced visits, and responds to complaints.
- ii) Environmental Health Officers carry out inspections in accordance with their review programme.
- iii) Internal risk assessments are carried out (daily, weekly, termly) in accordance with our policies and procedures

We are not totally risk averse, and the children will experiment and enjoy physical activities, but under supervision and safe from unwanted danger.



MISSION STATEMENT

It is our aim at Brock House Nursery School and Baby Care to offer the highest standard of care for all children in the setting.

We try to ensure that the children are happy, confident and well-mannered, whilst being progressively encouraged to develop their learning skills through structured play, in a caring family atmosphere. Caring for the children "in loco parentis" and offering them our loving attention is a vitally important aspect of our overall philosophy and great attention is devoted to this.

To attain this aim our principle objectives are to provide the highest quality in staff, environment, equipment and standards to ensure that Brock House Nursery School provides the best "Educare" available for your child, and thus maximises your child's wellbeing.

To Achieve Our Aims

We are committed to working, together with parents, to provide a stimulating and enabling, fun-filled environment where each child has the opportunity to become a happy, confident, independent learner within the safety of our nursery setting. We seek to promote within each child a well-balanced, positive attitude towards life and learning, the desire to communicate and respect for others and the world around them.

BEHAVIOUR POLICY STATEMENT

At Brock House, we believe it is important for the childrens personal and social development that they acquire a sense of "right and wrong".

Accordingly, we have a clear policy on Achieving Positive Behaviour, so that all children come to understand the boundaries of acceptable behaviour within the nursery.

Summary of Procedure

We acknowledge considerate behaviour such as kindness and willingness to share. We also work in partnership with parents, who are regularly informed of their child's development, to address inconsiderate behaviour by understanding the cause and jointly deciding on an appropriate response.

For further information please see the full policy: Achieving Positive Behaviour.



THE SEVEN AREAS OF LEARNING

The **Early Years Foundation Stage** is the government guidance that our nursery follows. This guidance ensures that all children have the best possible start to learning made available to them. There are seven areas of learning and development that shape educational programmes in early years settings. These are split into two categories, Prime and Specific. The Prime areas focus on children aged 0-3 and are particularly crucial for igniting childrens curiosity and enthusiasm for learning and for building their capacity to learn, form relationships and thrive. Children aged 3 and over are supported by the Specific areas – through which the Prime areas are applied and strengthened.

PRIME AREAS

The Prime Areas are:

Communication & Language – involves giving children opportunities to experience a rich language environment, to develop their confidence and skill in expressing themselves and to speak and listen in a range of situations.

Physical Development – involves providing opportunities for young children to be active and interactive and to develop their co-ordination, control and movement. We achieve this by building core strength, using both gross and fine motor skills, and exploring spatial awareness. Children are also helped to understand the importance of physical activity, and to make healthy choices in relation to food. We also develop their awareness of both oral and general hygiene.

Personal, Social & Emotional Development – involves helping children to develop a positive sense of themselves and others; to form positive relationships and develop respect for others; to develop social skills and learn how to manage their feelings; to understand appropriate behaviour in groups and to have confidence in their own abilities.

SPECIFIC AREAS

The Specific Areas are:

Literacy – involves encouraging children to link sounds and letters and to begin to read and write. Children must be given access to a wide range of reading materials (books, poems and other written materials) to ignite their interest.

Mathematics – involves providing children with opportunities to develop and improve their skills in counting, understanding and using numbers, calculating simple addition and subtraction problems and to describe shapes, spaces and measures.

Understanding the World – involves guiding children to make sense of their physical world and their community through opportunities to explore, observe and find out about people, places, technology and the environment.

Expressive arts and design - involves enabling children to explore and play with a wide range of media and materials, as well as providing opportunities and encouragement for sharing their thoughts, ideas and feelings through a variety of activities in art, music, movement, dance, role-play and design and technology.



BROCK HOUSE NURSERY SCHOOL GENERAL OUTLINE

Hours of Opening

Brock House Nursery School is open between the hours of 7.30am and 6.45pm, Monday to Friday, all year round except for Bank Holidays and one week between Christmas and the New Year. It is felt that within this range of hours we can cater for the needs of most working parents without over extending the children.

Special Events

A varied programme of trips and outings is provided, for both, pleasure and stimulation, of the children. We organise visits from people who can illustrate our current theme, which have included eg a Nurse, a Fireman, a Policeman, a mother with a new baby and a blind person with a guide dog. We also explore and celebrate the festivals of different cultures, such as Christmas, Hanukah, Diwali, etc. See our Website for the diary of future events and details of our recent adventures.

Meals

A well-balanced cooked meal is provided at lunchtime, prepared by a qualified cook in our own kitchen. Mid-morning and afternoon snacks are also provided, as well as a substantial tea and a light breakfast for early starters. Menus for the week are displayed on the notice board.

Equipment

Traditional and modern teaching aids and techniques are offered: from dressing-up clothes and puppets to digital equipment; from feathers, leaves, and potter's clay to sensory aids and an electric keyboard.

Staff

Our experienced staff are selected for their commitment to child-centred education and are highly trained to provide the best possible care. The ratio of staff to children is 1:6 (1:4 for 2 year olds). Qualified teaching and specialised staff also bring their skills to bear, including caring for different abilities, enhancing language skills, music and handicrafts.

Parents as Partners

Progress Reviews are produced twice a year and are presented at parents evenings to help monitor each child's progress, both developmentally and in particular skills. We encourage parents to visit the Nursery at any time, either to observe or to consult our staff concerning the welfare or progress of their child.

Policies

Our Behaviour Policy Statement is included as part of our prospectus information. Copies of all policies are always available for inspection at the Nursery on request.

Complaints

We will listen and try to address any complaint you may have. Should you not be satisfied, having escalated the matter to a written complaint and response from the nursery management (see complaints policy).

- 1) For Care issues please contact the Ofsted Helpline on 0300 123 1231. (E-mail: enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk).
- 2) For Administration issues please contact Early Years Services, Herts County Council on 03001234040. (E-mail: earlyyears@hertfordshire.gov.uk)



OPERATING TIMES

Total Hours of Opening 7.30am – 6.45pm

Morning 7.30am – 12.30pm

Afternoon 12.30pm – 6.45pm

Lunch (Approximately) 11.30am - 12.00 noon

Core Day (If available) 8.30am – 4.30pm

Open Every Weekday: Except 1 week at Christmas & the following

Bank Holidays:

New Year's Day

Good Friday

Easter Monday

Early May Bank Holiday

Late May Bank Holiday

August Bank Holiday



DAILY ROUTINE

7.30 - 8.30	Breakfast and Free Play
8.30 - 9.30	Circle Time (Calendar & Register) and Activities
9.30 – 10.00	Snack
10.00 – 11.30	Session Activities, Garden, Story Time
11.30 – 12.00	Lunch
12.00 – 2.00	Sleep Time/Quiet Play, Afternoon Circle Time, Activities
2.00 - 4.30	Snack, Adult Led Activities, Garden
4.30 - 5.00	Tea
5.00 - 6.45	Child initiated Activities
6.45	Home Time



BROCK HOUSE NURSERY SCHOOL STAFFING

PROPRIETORS: MR K M HUDSON FCA & MRS J E HUDSON

Principal Mrs Caroline Lawlor, NNEB

Health & Safety Officer 31 years experience of Nursery Care, (28 as Principal)

24 years in our Nursery setting

Deputy Principal

Safeguarding Officer First Aid Officer Mrs Louise Church, NNEB, EYP, Childhood Studies BA (Hons)

26 years experience in our nursery setting

Qualified Staff: Mrs Abigail Spicer, MSc Psychology

Age Group Leader

4 years experience in our nursery setting

Miss Natasha Saddler, L5 Early Childhood Studies

Team Captain Over 3

9 years experience in our nursery setting

Miss Saima Jalil, Level 3 Team Captain Under 3

5 years experience in nursery setting

Emma Ansell, Level 3

Nursery Practitioner

3 years experience in nursery setting

Ms Rebecca Franklin, NVQ3

Nursery Practitioner

4 years experience in our nursery setting

Ms Sofia Jabeen, NVQ3

Nursery Practitioner

2 years experience in nursery

Additional Staff:

Ms Oksana Horbach

Nursery Assistant

Ms Iryna Dovhan

Nursery Assistant

Ms Syra Plesants

Apprentice – Working towards L2

Mrs Eli Wallis, NVQ3

Bank Staff

Mrs Dawn Willmott, City & Guilds

Cook with over 25 years experience

13 years in our nursery setting



BROCK HOUSE NURSERY SCHOOL Age 2-5 Years

Summary of Our Childcare Offers - From 1st April 2024

1. **Full Day Care** All Year = 51 Weeks

Sessions = Full: Morning, Afternoon, Day, Week.

2 Full Days are recommended.

Times and Prices – See Nursery Fees (From 01/04/2024)

2. **Partially Funded** (Wrap Around Sessions) = Any attendance greater than the child's

F.E.E. entitlement All Year = 51 Weeks

- a) Children accessing 15 hours (Universal) Funded Early Years Entitlement.
- b) Children accessing **up to 30 hours** (Extended + Universal) Funded Early Years Entitlement.

Sessions= From 2 Full Days to Full Week.

2 Full Days are required.

Times and Prices – See All Inclusive Fees (From 01/04/2024)

These chargeable sessions (which include all food and consumables) are Wrapped Around each eligible child's Funded Early Years Entitlement (F.E.E.)

The F.E.E. element is entirely free of charge and is offered up to the statutory limits within the current rules.

3. <u>Fully Funded</u> (F.E.E. Sessions <u>Only</u>)

a) 2 Year Olds = 38 Weeks only @ 15 Hours per Week – per Government Scheme

Sessions = As available and offered by Brock House Nursery School.

These sessions are entirely **Free of Charge**.

b) **3 Year Olds** = Both Universal (38 weeks x 15 hours) and Extended + Universal (38 Weeks x Up to 30 Hours) are stretched over 51 weeks and so are a

Maximum of 11.18 and 22.36 hours per week respectively.

Sessions = As available and offered by Brock House Nursery School.

These sessions are entirely **Free of Charge.**

All sessions are allocated in full (even if not attended for the complete time shown) and will be charged in full.

All hours required at the beginning or end of the published session times, if available, will be treated as additional to the session and charged at the extra hours rate. (Sessions cannot be adjusted by "swapping" hours).

No ad hoc hours may be added to Fully Funded – this automatically becomes Partially Funded with Wrap Around Fees applicable.

Change in provision from Full Day/Partially Funded Care to Fully Funded and vice versa requires re-application (See Terms and Conditions) as they are fundamentally different offers.

This means that a child previously attending on a Full Day Care contract of up to 30 hours total occupancy per week, upon reaching eligibility for 30 funded hours, <u>cannot automatically expect</u> to be offered a place to continue with the same session times using only 30 hours funding, even on a full year basis.

Please Note: the maximum number of F.E.E hours permitted on any day is 10.

All offers are made in accordance with our Terms and Conditions.



FEES Age 2 - 5 Years

Scale of Charges from 1st April 2024

These fees are the full amount chargeable <u>before taking into account</u> any grant, allowance, or discount that may be correctly due (To be read in conjunction with our published Terms and Conditions)

	2/3 Year Old	3/5 Year Old
Full Morning 7.30am – 12.30pm	£ 55.00	£ 54.00
Full Afternoon 12.30pm – 6.45pm	£ 55.00	£ 54.00
Daily 7.30am – 6.45pm	£ 92.50	£ 91.00
Full Week Monday to Friday 7.30am – 6.45pm	£ 425.00	£ 420.00
Full Time Full Week Calendar Month Equivalent Rate	£1,806.25	£ 1,785.00
Additional Hours Requested. Added to full morning or afternoon sessions – if available	£ 11.00	per hour

For the benefit of your child, we advise a minimum of 2 days per week attendance.

The above includes all consumables and food offered, and in particular: Breakfast, Lunch, Tea and Snacks applicable to the period attended; plus nappies, creams, and wipes.

For: Registration; Holidays; Discounts; Late Fees; and Notice please see Additional Terms.

Our Fees are based on 51 chargeable weeks per year, payable in equal instalments calendar monthly in advance.

Adjustments relating to Funded Early Years Entitlement (F.E.E.) (or any other grant/discount) are detailed on the following pages, and will be shown on the Termly Bill as appropriate.

Brock House is open 51 weeks per year 7.30am – 6.45pm, Monday to Friday (closing between Christmas and New Year).

We aim to maintain these charges for a year from 1st April 2024 – i.e., to beginning of Summer 2025 billing period.



FEES Age 2 - 3 Years Scale of Charges from 1st April 2024

Partially Funded (Wrap Around) Fees

All-inclusive Fees – Children accessing <u>15 hours</u> (Universal) Funded Early Years Entitlement (F.E.E.)

ATTENDANCE	Total F.E.E Duration	Cost
2 Full Days Wrap Around Session – We 7.30am – 6.45pm F.E.E. Wrap Around Fees	eekly Up to 11.18 Hours Per Week Maximum	NIL £ 98.00
3 Full Days Wrap Around Session - We 7.30am - 6.45pm F.E.E Wrap Around Fees	ekly Up to 11.18 Hours Per Week Maximum	NIL £195.00
4 Full Days Wrap Around Session - We 7.30am - 6.45pm F.E.E Wrap Around Fees	ekly Up to 11.18 Hours Per Week Maximum	NIL £287.00
Full Week Wrap Around Session 7.30am – 6.45pm F.E.E	Up to 11.18 Hours Per Week Maximum	NIL

Children eligible for Universal F.E.E. will be charged for all additional hours taken outside the scope of the scheme and Registration costs apply. No increase in the number of Universal FEE hours may be made within the billing period.

£340.00

To be eligible for the F.E.E scheme administrated by Brock House, your child must attend for a minimum of 2 full days each week.

For the benefit of your child, we advise a minimum of 2 days per week attendance.

Wrap Around Fees

Wrap around sessions include all food and consumables offered as appropriate to the sessions attended.

For: Registration; Holidays; Discounts; Late Fees; and Notice please see Additional Terms.

Our Fees are based on 51 chargeable weeks per year and Funded Early Years Entitlement is accordingly stretched over all 51 weeks, at a rate of 11.18 hours per week. Bills are issued to cover each of the 3 funding periods (Spring, Summer, Autumn) and are payable by equal instalments calendar monthly in advance.

We offer Universal F.E.E Only sessions (no Registration Fee) subject to availability.

Brock House is open 51 weeks per year from 7.30am to 6.45pm Monday to Friday (closing between Christmas and New Year).

We aim to maintain these charges for a year from 1st April 2024 – i.e. to the beginning of Summer 2025 billing period. However, we reserve the right to review Wrap Around Fees each billing period (Spring, Summer, Autumn).



FEES Age 3 - 5 Years Scale of Charges from 1st April 2024

Partially Funded (Wrap Around) Fees

All-inclusive Fees – Children accessing <u>15 hours</u> (Universal) Funded Early Years Entitlement (F.E.E.)

ATTENDANCE	Total F.E.E Duration	Cost
2 Full Days Wrap Around Session – We 7.30am – 6.45pm F.E.E. Wrap Around Fees	Up to 11.18 Hours Per Week Maximum	NIL £112.50
3 Full Days Wrap Around Session - We 7.30am - 6.45pm F.E.E Wrap Around Fees	Up to 11.18 Hours Per Week Maximum	NIL £204.00
4 Full Days Wrap Around Session - We 7.30am - 6.45pm F.E.E Wrap Around Fees	Up to 11.18 Hours Per Week Maximum	NIL £302.00
Full Week Wrap Around Session 7.30am – 6.45pm F.E.E Wrap Around Fees	Up to 11.18 Hours Per Week Maximum	NIL £355.00

Children eligible for Universal F.E.E. will be charged for all additional hours taken outside the scope of the scheme and Registration costs apply. No increase in the number of Universal FEE hours may be made within the billing period.

To be eligible for the F.E.E scheme administrated by Brock House, your child must attend for a minimum of 2 full days each week.

For the benefit of your child, we advise a minimum of 2 days per week attendance.

Wrap around sessions include all food and consumables offered as appropriate to the sessions attended.

For: Registration; Holidays; Discounts; Late Fees; and Notice please see Additional Terms.

Our Fees are based on 51 chargeable weeks per year and Funded Early Years Entitlement is accordingly stretched over all 51 weeks, at a rate of 11.18 hours per week. Bills are issued to cover each of the 3 funding periods (Spring, Summer, Autumn) and are payable by equal instalments calendar monthly in advance.

We offer Universal F.E.E Only sessions (no Registration Fee) subject to availability.

Brock House is open 51 weeks per year from 7.30am to 6.45pm Monday to Friday (closing between Christmas and New Year).

We aim to maintain these charges for a year from 1st April 2024 – i.e. to the beginning of Summer 2025 billing period. However, we reserve the right to review Wrap Around Fees each billing period (Spring, Summer, Autumn).



FEES Age 3-5 Years Scale of Charges from 1st April 2024

Partially Funded (Wrap Around) Fees

All Inclusive Fees – Children accessing up to <u>30 Hours</u> (Extended & Universal) Funded Early Years Entitlement (F.E.E.)

ATTENDANCE	Total F.E.E Duration	Cost
2 Full Days Wrap Around Session – <u>Weekly</u> 7.30am – 6.45pm F.E.E. Wrap Around Fees	Up to 20 Hours Per Week Maximum	NIL £79.00
3 Full Days Wrap Around Session - Weekly 7.30am - 6.45pm F.E.E Wrap Around Fees	Up to 22.36 Hours Per Week Maximum	NIL £148.50
4 Full Days Wrap Around Session - Weekly 7.30am - 6.45pm F.E.E Wrap Around Fees	Up to 22.36 Hours Per Week Maximum	NIL £237.00
Full Week Wrap Around Session 7.30am – 6.45pm F.E.E Wrap Around Fees	Up to 22.36 Hours Per Week Maximum	NIL £282.00

Children eligible for Extended F.E.E will be charged for all additional hours taken outside the scope of the scheme and Registration costs apply. No increase in the number of F.E.E hours may be made within the billing period.

To be eligible for the F.E.E scheme administrated by Brock House, your child must attend for a minimum of 2 full days each week.

For the benefit of your child, we advise a minimum of 2 days per week attendance.

Wrap around sessions include all food and consumables offered as appropriate to the period attended.

For: Registration; Holidays; Discounts; Late Fees; and Notice please see Additional Terms.

Our Fees are based on 51 chargeable weeks per year and Funded Early Years Entitlement is accordingly stretched over all 51 weeks, up to the maximum entitlement. Bills are issued to cover each of the 3 funding periods (Spring, Summer, Autumn) and are payable, by equal instalments, calendar monthly in advance.

We offer Extended F.E.E only sessions (no registration fee) subject to availability.

Brock House is open 51 weeks per year from 7.30am to 6.45pm Monday to Friday (closing between Christmas and New Year).

We aim to maintain these charges for a year from 1st April 2024 – ie to beginning of Summer 2025 billing period. However, we reserve the right to review Wrap Around Fees each billing period (Spring, Summer, Autumn).



FEES Age 2 - 5 Years Scale of Charges from 1st April 2024

ADDITIONAL TERMS (To be read in conjunction with our published Terms and Conditions)

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Registration (this is a two-part process):

Part 1: Waiting List: This places a child's name onto the waiting list for a place at a particular time

if more than 3 months in the future:

Fee (non-refundable) £50.00

Part 2: Registration: This occurs within 3 months of the proposed start date, and requires payment

of:

(a) Fee payable upon completion of the application form for a new place (non-refundable). £50.00

(b) Deposit payable (or transferred from previous application less the Registration Fee) on Registration. Fully refundable when child leaves Brock House - provided our terms and conditions have been adhered to.

For attendance levels as follows:

1 Session to 2 Sessions	(up to 1 day) per week	£200.00
3 Sessions to 6 Sessions	(up to 3 days) per week	£250.00
7 Sessions to 10 Sessions	(up to 5 days) per week	£300.00

Absence and Holidays

All absences are chargeable – any replacement session must be booked as an "Extra" if available. (The only exception is "School Holiday Allowance"). Swaps are NOT permitted.

Bank / Public Holidays: - These are not charged for because:

Full week Full Day Care fees are calculated to exclude charges for these days.

Part Time Full Day Care – children may exchange their usual session by request <u>if it falls on a Bank Holiday</u> for a day within 10 days of the Bank Holiday - (subject to availability). However, <u>no reduction to the weekly charge may be made.</u>

School Holiday Allowance

To assist particularly parents of siblings of school age: There is a **50% allowance** for up to **2 weeks** holiday taken within the main school holiday period **29th July – 30th August 2024** (Prior notification, **in writing**, is required – holiday slips are provided.)

Sibling Discount

A reduction of 10% of the fees will be made for the oldest sibling attending Brock House where the younger child is being paid for at full rate and attends for at least the same number of sessions.

Prompt Payment Rebate

1.75% rebate will be applied to the termly fee charged and paid in full, at the end of the term. To qualify all payments for the term must be made in full by the due dates as shown on the termly bill.



FEES Age 2-5 Years Scale of Charges from 1st April 2024 ADDITIONAL TERMS

(To be read in conjunction with our published Terms and Conditions)

Late Collection

The Nursery reserves the right to charge in the case of late collection. This charge would be £10 for up to 30 minutes and an additional £20 for each subsequent 30-minute period or part thereof.

Late Payments

We reserve the right to charge in the case of late payment, £25.00 for the 1st week or part week. Interest will be charged thereafter, see Terms and Conditions.

Notice

- 1. A full-Term notice must be received <u>in writing</u> for any reduction in times or sessions (i.e. no changes within the term).
- 2. A full Calendar month notice (or payment in lieu) must be received <u>in writing</u> before a child leaves Brock House.

Calculation and Payment of Fees:

Funding via Government Grant (F.E.E.) is applied 3 times a year. The periods are of unequal length and each currently matches 2 school terms plus associated holidays. Because all children from age 2 could be affected, we use this pattern and draw up 3 Termly bills each funding year (Summer, Autumn, Spring). Accordingly, a term notice is required for a change in times or sessions.

The Payment Value per Bill is calculated as follows:

(A) Full Day Care & Partially Funded (Wrap Around) Fees

Charges x number of Weeks/Sessions in Term + Number of Calendar Months in Term = Payment Value

The Payment Value is thus **not** the precise fee due each calendar month, but is the figure calculated to be equal for each payment in the term.

Actual fees due are in accordance with our charges, as billed for the actual attendance booked. These are reconciled to payments made monthly, and any adjustment required / payment due will be notified accordingly.

The due date for payment is the 20th of each calendar month **payable in advance**. (i.e. 20th January pays February fees). Preferred payment method is Standing Order (forms provided).

Amount payable on the due date is the calculated **Payment Value.**

Adjustments for Early Years Funding (currently Funded Early Years Entitlement) or any other grant is shown on the Termly Bill as appropriate.

Charges for items/services not included in the F.E.E. are shown on the Termly Bill as appropriate.



FEES Age 2-5 Years Scale of Charges from 1st April 2024

ADDITIONAL TERMS

(To be read in conjunction with our published Terms and Conditions)

(B) Fully Funded Fees

We charge for items/services not included in the F.E.E. in accordance with our offer and our commercial Terms & Conditions.

For 2-Year-Old fully funded places:

There is currently No Charge.

For 3-Year-Old Universal (15 hours) fully funded places:

There is currently No Charge.

For 3-Year-Old Extended plus Universal (30 hours) fully funded places: There is currently No Charge.

- (i) For 2-Year-Olds = 38 weeks @ 15 hours per week, per Government F.E.E. Scheme Sessions = Restricted to funded weeks allocated on our termly calendar. As available and offered by Brock House Nursery School.
- (ii) For 3-Year-Olds, both 15-hour, and 30-hour with valid eligibility code = 38 weeks @ 30 hours per week, per Government F.E.E. Scheme.
 Sessions = Stretched over 51 weeks. As available and offered by Brock House Nursery School.

Payment amounts, where applicable, are as shown on the termly bill.

Payment Dates are fixed:

Summer Term = 20th April, 20th May, 20th June

Autumn Term = 20th August, 20th September, 20th October **Spring Term** = 20th December, 20th January, 20th February

All offers are made subject to our commercial Terms & Conditions.

We aim to maintain these charges for a year from 1st April 2024 – ie to beginning of Summer 2025 billing period.



CHILDCARE VOUCHER /TAX FREE CREDIT INFORMATION

Childcare Vouchers are now being phased out and replaced over time by Tax Free Childcare Credit (see www.gov.uk).

Under this scheme HMRC will add the appropriate credit to your funds held in a special bank account for the payment of day care provision. This is completely under your control.

Brock House continues to accept Childcare Voucher payments covering all or part of the cost of childcare. There are various companies who provide the service via your employer's personnel / payroll department in accordance with HMRC rules.

The voucher payments are issued in place of part of your salary which is "sacrificed".

There are currently nearly 20 child care voucher payment providers – of whom the best known are:

Allsave, Care 4, Computershare, Edenred, Kiddivouchers, Fideliti, Sodexo

We may accept voucher payments from other providers, but please check that we hold an account with them first.

Please note: It remains the parent's responsibility to ensure that we receive the Tax-Free/Childcare Voucher payment by the due date in accordance with our Terms & Conditions.



BROCK HOUSE NURSERY SCHOOL Age 2 years – 5 years TERMS & CONDITIONS

- 1. Upon Registration and our acceptance of the deposit the place is secured. However any delay of more than 2 weeks to the start date requested by the parent may mean we are unable to hold the place open. Non take up of the place forfeits the deposit. Registration fee is payable for each new place applied for (Change in type of provision eg from paid for sessions to fully funded will require a new application).
- 2. Fees are payable in accordance with the current published Scale of Charges. Failure to comply with these financial requirements constitutes a breach of the contract and may result in your child being refused entry to Brock House. (See below).

We will issue a notification of monthly charges upon joining, then at the beginning and end of each term, and finally, upon your child leaving we will produce a full reconciliation which takes into account any anomalies ie part weeks, and under/over payments. Other "Invoices"/Reconciliations may be provided on request, but these will incur a charge of £25.00 each.

Fees are reviewed annually and we hope to maintain them at existing levels for at least this period. However, we reserve the right to amend them within this period. Any such amendment would take place at the beginning of a Term and we would give one month notice.

- 3. Employment of Brock House Staff:
 - If during the period of your child's attendance or within a period of 9 months thereafter you directly or indirectly employ or engage the services of or permit or allow any member of our staff to provide childcare for your child (or by your endeavours for a child known to you) such that their services are withdrawn from us, then you shall pay us a figure representing not less than 33% of the relevant gross annual salary as compensation for the cost to us of disruption and recruiting and training a suitable replacement.
- 4. Childcare Voucher Payments/Government Tax Free Credit payments are accepted for payment of all or part of the Nursery fees (See Childcare Voucher Payment/Tax Free Credit Information). However the parent remains responsible for ensuring that total fees due are paid by the due date in accordance with our Scale of Charges (wherever they may be paid from).
- Nursery Education Grant/"F.E.E. for 3 and 4 Year Olds". This is a partial provision funded by the Government. Entitlement commences in the "term" after the child's third birthday and is administered by us in accordance with the prevailing rules. It is <u>not</u> full time free provision and does not cover the cost of meals or any other services provided, which remain chargeable to the parent. Currently it consists of <u>part</u> days and <u>part</u> year only. Term dates, length and number of sessions are all subject to change. We identify the F.E.E. on the relevant termly bill where applicable. (See 2 above).
- 6. Sibling Discount. Reduction will be applied to the oldest child's fee, while the younger child attends for a greater or equal number of sessions per week.
- Absence and Holidays no reduction in fees is made for any absence or holiday other than the specified School Holiday Allowance (See Current Scale of Charges).
- 8. Bank/Public Holidays and the week between Christmas and New Year. The Nursery is closed and <u>no charge</u> is made for these periods. Fees are pre-adjusted or alternative days may be offered as appropriate, however no reduction may be made to the weekly charge.
- 9. Extra sessions (subject to availability) may be booked and will be separately billed and must be paid separately from fees for routine attendance.
- 10. Session swaps are NOT permitted.
- 11. Late Collection of Child. We reserve the right to make a charge. Please note that if you fail to contact us until after the session is finished we are required to notify Social Services.
- Late Payment of Fees. We reserve the right to levy a charge immediately in the case of late payment. This charge will cover a delay in payment up to one week, from the payment date shown on your bill. If full payment of fees due and late payment charges have not been received within an additional week, we reserve the right to refuse your child entry to Brock House Nursery. Additional charges of 8% of the balance outstanding will be added weekly. We urge parents who may experience temporary difficulties to contact our administration office before they miss a payment or as soon as possible afterwards so that we may help formulate a solution. Late payment could result in your child being refused entry to the Nursery.
- 13. Notice.
 - a) A full calendar month notice <u>in writing</u> is required before leaving. Payment in lieu will otherwise be required and any deposit held may be used towards this.
 - b) A full-term notice is required **in writing** for any reduction in times or sessions.
- 14. Inclusive Provision
 - (a) Our Full Day Care fees include provision of all hot food, snacks and refreshments (including government funded milk) during the day. We work with parents to ensure children with allergies and compelling (eg religious) preferences can be accommodated. Parents are requested not to allow their children to bring snacks or sweets into Brock House to avoid adversely affecting anyone else.
 - (b) Our fees include provision of nappies, wipes and associated creams. Should parents require a brand different to our usual supply they may supply their own. There is no reduction of fees if items are supplied by parents.
- 15. Your child will only be released into the care of two persons named on the Applicant Record, the only exception being the <u>Local Emergency Contact</u> who will deputise if necessary (and suitable password/security procedure will be followed).
- 16. Before acceptance of your child into Brock House Nursery a member of staff must see a copy of the child's Birth Certificate and the Red Book of Immunisations. Full and up to date Vaccination is required unless there is a medical reason to the contrary confirmed by your family doctor.
- 17. In the interest of the welfare of all the children, entry may be refused to your child for any period during which he/she is diagnosed as infectious. (See Health & Safety Policy).
- 18. Medication will only be administered in accordance with full written instructions from the Doctor/Parent/Guardian (See Medication Procedure/Policy).
- 19. Your child must bring a complete change of indoor clothes, <u>clearly marked</u>, to be retained at Brock House for emergency use, in a bag provided, and wear adequate outdoor clothes for outdoor play in the prevailing weather conditions.
- 20. We ask that the children do not bring their own toys (except for special "Show and Tell" times) as broken or lost toys cause disappointment.
- 21. Brock House will organise activities outside the Nursery premises from time to time. These will be conducted with at least the child:staff ratio recommended by the Children and Families Act 2014. Parental consent is required before the child can participate.
- 22. Brock House Nursery is unable to accept any liability for any loss or damage to personal property brought onto its premises.

Note: Reference to: Parents, you, your, all relate to the Parent/Legal Guardian

Reference to: Brock House, we, our, the Nursery: all relate to Brock House Nursery School



COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

A. Care/Welfare of your child

- 1. Make initial complaint to appropriate member of staff.
- 2. If not satisfied, write to the Principal.
- 3. If still not satisfied write to the Director.

There will be an internal investigation led by the Principal. The complainant will be notified of the outcome within 28 days of the nursery having received the initial complaint.

4. Should there still be a problem you should contact the Ofsted Helpline on 03001231231 or write to them at:

The National Business Unit Ofsted Piccadilly Gate Store Street Manchester, M1 2WD

E-mail: enquiries@ofsted.gov.uk

B. Administration/Fees/Funding concerning your child

- 1. Make initial complaint to the Business Manager.
- 2. If not satisfied write to the Director.

There will be an internal review led by the Business Manager. The complainant will be notified of the outcome within 28 days of the initial complaint.

3. Should there still be a problem you should contact Hertfordshire Early Years Team:

Telephone: 0300 123 4040

By post:

Early Years and Childcare Commissioning Families and Children Hertfordshire County Council Room 147 County Hall Pegs Lane Hertford, SG13 8DF

Email: earlyyears@hertfordshire.gov.uk



BROCK HOUSE NURSERY SCHOOL PRIVACY NOTICE

(General Data Protection regulation 2018)

Brock House Nursery School (We) may collect and hold information about you (The Parent); your partner; and your child. This is done for the purpose of providing day care for your child – in accordance with our prospectus and terms and conditions. Data is also collected so that we may assist you to participate in Government/Local Authority schemes concerning either the health and welfare of your child, or financial benefits to you. We ask you to notify us of any changes as quickly as possible and will ask you to confirm details from time to time.

An up-to-date copy of this notice will be obtainable by writing to the: -Lead Compliance Clerk, Brock House Nursery School, 6 Lemsford Road, St Albans, AL1 3PB We will notify you of any significant changes to this Notice.

We will only collect information from the following:

- You (or someone appointed by you)
- Government Agencies/Departments
- Credit Approval / Debt Collection Agencies
- Previous Day Care Providers

We do not seek information about you from any unrelated third, party, and will never share it with any third party (beyond the agencies mentioned above).

We never transfer your data abroad; we never sell it; we have procedures in place; to safely store it as long as is legally required, and eventually securely destroy it.

We will never ask you for your bank account details.

All data collected and held, is retained in our own administration office and the appropriate room for your child, and for the purposes above. We do not use e-mail or social media to transfer your data. The only exceptions to this are:

- 1. Via encrypted file to one of the above agencies.
- 2. To you, in reply to your request for information.

You have the right to access the data and rectify any inaccuracies.

Any complaint concerning data protection should be addressed in writing to: Lead Compliance Clerk, Brock House Nursery School, 6 Lemsford Road, St Albans, AL1 3PB



BROCK HOUSE NURSERY SCHOOL SAMPLE WEEKLY MENU

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Snack with drink	Milk Dried Fruit	Milk Pineapple & Breadstick	Milk Melon & Sultanas	Milk Malt Loaf	Milk Apple Wedges & Ritz Cracker
Lunch	Spaghetti Bolognese Broccoli	Cottage Pie, Green Beans	Tuna & tomato Pasta Bake & Mixed Vegetables	Boiled Gammon & Pineapple, Peas, Boiled Potatoes	Quiche Lorraine Garlic Bread, Carrots, Sweetcorn
	Baked Jam Sponge & Custard	Peaches & Cream	Baked Rice Pudding	Lemon Pie	Apple & Raisins with Cream
Afternoon Snack	Apple Wedges & Cheese Slices	Cheese Spread on Crackers	Carrot sticks and Breadstick	Cheese & Apple	Pitta Bread & Marmite
Tea	Crudité: Cucumber sticks Homemade Leek and Potato Soup with toast	Crudité: Tomato Wedges Margarita Pizza & Salad	Crudité : Courgette Baked Beans on Toast	Crudité: Pepper Sticks Jacket Wedges & Spaghetti	Crudité: Carrot Sticks Mixed Sandwiches
	Choc Crispy Cakes	Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt	Fresh Fruit	Fromage Frais