Islington Early Years Childcare Charging Policy

July 2026

1. This policy complements the admissions policy in outlining the terms and conditions of childcare places in Islington; please refer to both for full details.

2. It applies to all council-subsidised childcare providers, including children's centres, early years centres, voluntary nurseries, and community schools, for charges beyond the free early education and childcare offer.

3. Islington Council subsidises childcare for children aged 6 months and above to support parents working or studying towards a qualification access to affordable, high-quality care and education.

4. Once Islington residency is confirmed, charges are based on the earned and unearned annual incomes of both parents (or one if single parent) before deductions. An income assessment form and proof of employment or study is required. Band 11 and marketed (Islington and non-Islington residents) place applicants must show evidence of employment but not income.

5. Providers use this income evidence to determine the appropriate charging band during the admissions process.

6. **Free early education and childcare entitlements**

   6.1. Some two-year-old children of parents receiving additional government support, can receive 570 hours a year free early education and childcare from the term after their second birthday. This equates to 15 hours a week, term time only. Eligibility criteria apply.

   6.2. From Monday, September 1, 2025, eligible working parents can claim 30 hours per week for their children, starting from the term after their child turns nine months old a total of 1140 hours.

   6.3. All three- and four-year-olds are entitled to 570 hours a year from the term after their third birthday. This equates to 15 hours a week during term time. No eligibility check required.

   6.4. Three- and four-year-olds from working families may be entitled to an additional 15 hours a week term time only (TTO), a total of 30 hours. Eligibility criteria apply.

   6.5. For further information about eligibility criteria and how to apply, please see the relevant pages on the Islington website.

7. Income assessments and childcare charges

7.1. All families are income assessed to calculate childcare and food charges. For band 11 and marketed places or where families do not wish to provide evidence of income, evidence of employment is required.

7.2 Evidence of income is required at admission and/or every six months and the compulsory twelve month point from the date of admission.

7.3 For the Council to determine the correct level of charges to be paid, childcare charges are calculated based on the earned and unearned annual household incomes of both parents/carers in a two-parent family before deductions. i.e., Tax, NI, CCV, Pension Credits etc. *(Original documents only)*.

7.4 Benefits are not considered when assessing charges.

7.5 The following evidence and documents are required including from both parents in a two-parent family:

- 7.5.1 Universal Credit – for those NOT working (applicable to Priority Early Learning (PEL) places and Priority Early Learning Special Education Needs and Disabilities (PEL SEND) only)
- 7.5.2 Weekly paid (four wage slips that are the most recent and consecutive)
- 7.5.3 Monthly paid (two wage slips that are the most recent and consecutive)
- 7.5.4 Parents with zero working hour contracts or inconsistent earned income
- 7.5.5 Self-employed income evidence
  - 7.5.5.1 Provide your full self-assessment (online) or audited accounts.
  - 7.5.5.2 Use the most recent income evidence available at the time of admission.
  - 7.5.5.3 Submit your updated tax return as soon as it is ready.
  - 7.5.5.4 New evidence must match previous records and may lead to a recalculation of charges, backdated to the start of the tax year it relates to. This could result in arrears or credits.
  - 7.5.5.5 If a family owes money, the arrears policy will apply, and a payment plan will be set up.
  - 7.5.5.6 If a family is in credit, no further payments are needed until the credit runs out.

7.6 Following the income assessment process, childcare charges are calculated according to the relevant charging band and age of the child: six to nine months; nine months to two years; two to three years; three and four years.

7.7 There are no charges in the following circumstances:

7.7.1 both parents (if applicable) of children placed by the Priority Early Learning panel are in receipt of Universal Credit who are NOT working

7.7.2 the Priority Early Learning panel agrees to waive the childcare charge due to exceptional family circumstances and in the best interests of the child. Evidence of this must be provided

7.8 Parents that are studying must provide the following to be offered a place under the admissions criteria:

7.8.1 proof of acceptance onto a course leading to an accredited qualification

7.8.2 evidence that the course provider will pay for the childcare

7.9 The income charge assessment and parent contract forms must be completed and signed by parents/carers before the child's starting date

7.10 The maximum charge (at marketed rate) will apply where parents do not return the childcare charge income assessment and proof of employment form including all other relevant evidence, within the time specified and thereafter. If this is before the child's start date, then the start date will be delayed for a set period; subsequently the place will be withdrawn

7.11 Changes to charges are applied at the start of the term after the child's second and third birthdays. Charges will change at any time if charges increase, your household finances change, your agreed hours or days change, or you move out of the borough.

8. Other Charges

8.1 Government funding is not intended to cover the costs of meals, other consumables, additional hours or additional services. Statutory guidance on early education and childcare makes it clear that providers can charge parents for extras in connection with the entitlement hours, though charges must not be mandatory or a condition of accessing a place.

8.2 Parents/carers may be asked for a contribution towards the cost of trips.

8.3 Care products are to be provided by parents (e.g. nappies, wipes, suncream etc.).

8.4 For parents of children under three taking up funded hours, food costs are applied using the relevant charging band. These costs are voluntary. Please click this link food schedule for further reference.

8.4.1 Where a 15 or 30 hour funded early education and childcare entitlement is taken up, voluntary food charges apply and parents may decide to opt out in which case the food charge will be waived or reduced.

8.4.2 The opt-in or opt-out will apply for the length of the childcare contract.

8.4.3 Opting out does not affect a child's access to their funded early education entitlement.

8.4.4 When childcare charges apply, food costs are incorporated into the overall charge.

8.4.5 For example: for a two-year-old in band 3, with a 50 hour contract, eligible for the working parent entitlement of 30 hours, the voluntary charge is £3.90 per day for 3 days, the remaining 2 days childcare charges apply and the food charges are inclusive.

8.5 For children under 3, taking up a stretched offer of 2 days all year round, with no additional childcare charges, voluntary food costs are applied over 49 weeks according to the relevant income band.

8.6 Voluntary opted in food costs are fixed term time charges and are not attendance based in accordance with the child's contract.

8.7 Where parents do not provide income evidence, the daily rate of £8.54 applies.

8.8 Three- and four-year-olds in Islington Children's Centres and Early Years Centres are charged separately for lunch during the holidays (10/11 weeks) when attended, at **£2.99** per day. At this time there is no charge for any other food provided during the term time or the holidays.

8.9 No lunch charge is applied to children placed by the Priority Early Learning team whose charges have been waived,

or

8.10 To children accessing the additional support entitlement only at age two on days when attended, where hours include the lunch period whose parents are not working

8.11 For a copy of the food costs breakdown, please speak to your nursery manager.

Schedules for voluntary food costs from Tuesday 21 July 2026

Annual income earned and unearned including for both parents in a two-parent family before deductions	Under 2's All Meals	Breakfast	Snack	Lunch	Snack	Tea	2 year olds - All Meals	Breakfast	Snack	Lunch	Snack	Tea
Income bands	**Per day rate**	**Single item rate**	**Single item rate**	**Single item rate**	**Single item rate**	**Single item rate**	**Per day rate**	**Single item rate**	**Single item rate**	**Single item rate**	**Single item rate**	**Single item rate**
Band 1 **(Up to £24,999)**	£3.33	£0.68	£0.18	£1.17	£0.18	£1.13	£3.59	£0.73	£0.19	£1.26	£0.19	£1.22
Band 2 **(£25,000 - £30,999)**	£3.52	£0.72	£0.19	£1.23	£0.19	£1.19	£3.80	£0.78	£0.20	£1.33	£0.20	£1.29
Band 3 **(£31,000 - £39,999)**	£3.84	£0.78	£0.20	£1.34	£0.20	£1.30	£4.13	£0.85	£0.22	£1.45	£0.22	£1.40
Band 4 **(£40,000 - £49,999)**	£4.25	£0.87	£0.23	£1.49	£0.23	£1.44	£4.58	£0.94	£0.24	£1.61	£0.24	£1.55
Band 5 **(£50,000 - £59,999)**	£4.77	£0.98	£0.25	£1.67	£0.25	£1.62	£5.14	£1.05	£0.27	£1.80	£0.27	£1.74
Band 6 **(£60,000 - £69,999)**	£5.39	£1.10	£0.29	£1.89	£0.29	£1.83	£5.81	£1.19	£0.31	£2.04	£0.31	£1.97
Band 7 **(£70,000 - £79,999)**	£5.59	£1.15	£0.30	£1.96	£0.30	£1.89	£6.04	£1.23	£0.32	£2.12	£0.32	£2.05
Band 8 **(£80,000 - £89,999)**	£6.58	£1.35	£0.35	£2.31	£0.35	£2.23	£6.59	£1.35	£0.35	£2.31	£0.35	£2.24
Band 9 **(£90,000 - £99,999)**	£6.96	£1.42	£0.37	£2.44	£0.37	£2.35	£6.96	£1.42	£0.37	£2.44	£0.37	£2.36
Band 10 **(£100,000 - £120,000)**	£7.66	£1.57	£0.41	£2.69	£0.41	£2.59	£7.67	£1.57	£0.41	£2.68	£0.41	£2.61
Band 11 **(above £120,000)**	£8.09	£1.66	£0.43	£2.84	£0.43	£2.74	£8.10	£1.66	£0.43	£2.84	£0.43	£2.75
Marketed **(Islington and Out of Borough)**	£8.54	£1.75	£0.45	£2.99	£0.45	£2.90	£8.54	£1.75	£0.45	£2.99	£0.45	£2.90

9. Settling in period

9.1 Parents/carers are given a one-week (Monday to Friday consecutively for two-, three- and five-day places) settling in period at no charge.

10. Notice period

10.1 A notice period of 4 calendar weeks (Sunday – Saturday equal to one week) is required for termination of a place. Charges of 4 calendar weeks are payable regardless of whether this notice period falls in a holiday period. Charges will be payable for this period, whether or not your child attends.

11. Changes in income or employment

11.1 If the charging policy is amended or if childcare charges have been calculated incorrectly, notice of four weeks will be given to affected parents and adjusted charges applied at the end of that notice period.

11.2 If your household income changes (e.g. due to parental leave), your fees will adjust based on the new income band.

11.3 To backdate reduced charges, submit proof of the change within one month.

11.4 Self-employed parents must provide evidence as soon as possible (no one-month deadline).

11.5 Increases in income will result in backdated charges from the date the income increased.

Employment changes:

11.6 If employment ends for one or both parents, children receiving the 30-hour working parent entitlement keep it until the grace period ends, then revert to 15 hours.

11.7 Children aged 9 months and a term to 3 years with the 30-hour working parent entitlement are given notice which coincides with the end date of their grace period.

11.8 Children under 3 with no entitlements are given 12 weeks' notice.

Contract changes:

11.9 Switching between extended and core day places due to changes in circumstances is allowed, but returning to the original contract later is not guaranteed.

Age-related reductions:

11.10 Charges decrease the term after a child's 2nd and 3rd birthdays, in line with government funding.

12. Charging weeks

12.1 In every full school (academic) year, term-time only (TTO) charges are payable for 39 weeks (e.g.195 days, 190 plus 5 Inset days). All year-round charges are 39 weeks at term- time charge and 10 (or 11) weeks at holiday charge, totalling 49 (or 50) weeks

12.2 Over several years, an extra holiday charge week is incurred owing to the extra day/s accumulated through leap years and the fact that even non-leap years have 52 weeks plus one day. Costs (staffing etc) are incurred for the additional charging week within that fiscal year - therefore the extra charge to parents/carers needs also to be made within the same fiscal year.

12.3 Charges are set for full weeks (TTO 39 weeks, AYR 10/11 weeks) even though terms sometimes begin and/or end halfway through a week. By the end of the academic year, part weeks charged as full weeks will balance out with part weeks not charged for.

13. Arrears Policy

13.1 Childcare charges are crucial to each provider's budget. The Council operates a 'no arrears' policy to prevent parents/carers building up arrears which they may have difficulty meeting.

13.2 The arrears policy applies to all Local Authority early years' centres, children's centres, nursery schools, children's centres in schools and primary schools who offer subsidised childcare to Islington working or studying parents.

13.3 Children of a sibling with arrears will not be offered a place until all arrears are cleared.

13.4 The arrears policy and procedures are available on request.

14. Non-Islington Residents; Marketed places and Keyworkers

14.1 Non-Islington residents can only access out of borough/marketed places in Islington where no Islington resident wishes to accept a place.

14.2 Keyworkers can access marketed or community places where they are available. Keyworker places are allocated first to those who live in Islington, second to those who work in Islington, and third to keyworkers who live and work out of borough. Please click this link admissions policy for further reference, the **keyworker policy** is available on request from the nursery manager.

14.3 If an Islington resident in a community place moves out of borough, their childcare charges will be adjusted to the marketed rate.

15. Discounts

15.1 A 25% discount is applied to childcare charges where a child has an identified disability as set out in the disabled children policy (available on request).

15.2 The following discounts apply to Islington residents who pay childcare charges for a place for a child under five attending the same or another setting, subsidised by Islington Council. Please note this only applies in those primary schools with children's centres and does not apply to playscheme charges, lunch charges or food costs.

Number of children	Percentage of reduction	Reductions for second and subsequent children of multiply births
Twins	30%	First child 0%, second child 30%
Triplets	40%	First child 0%, second child 30% and third child 40%
Quads	50%	First child 0%, second child 30%, third child 40% and fourth child 50%

Number of children	Percentage of reduction	Reductions for second and subsequent children
One	0%	First child 0%
Two	25%	First child 0%, second child 25%
Three	35%	First child 0%, second child 25%, third child 35%
Four	45%	First child 0%, second child 25%, third child 35% fourth child 45%

16. Hours attended and amounts charged

16.1 The childcare charging schedules display hourly rates for each band and age range.

16.2 Different hourly charging rates apply for term time (39 weeks) and during the holidays (10/11 weeks)

17. Our delivery models – days and hours offered

We aim to ensure nursery provision is sustainable whilst still offering flexibility, within our delivery model, to meet parents/carers needs. We do this through setting occupancy and income targets to maximise the use of council resources.

17.1 Term-time only places for under 3s are only available where particular local and national criteria apply i.e. Priority Early Learning places allocated through a panel, and places for families eligible for additional government support. All other places for under 3s are all year round 8am – 6pm (49/50 weeks).

17.2 15 hour term time only free early education and childcare entitlement places for 3 and 4 year olds and eligible 2 year olds can be taken as either 2.5 days with Wednesday as the half day, or 5 mornings or 5 afternoons depending on availability, for 38 weeks a year.

17.3 30 hour term time only free early education and childcare entitlement places for eligible 3 and 4 year olds are offered as a core day 9.30am - 3.30pm, 5 days a week, 38 weeks a year.

17.4 All year round places, 8am-6pm, 49/50 weeks a year, can be taken as 5 consecutive days or either 2 or 3 consecutive days at the beginning or end of the week.

17.5 Paid for childcare is only available to parents who are working or studying and will only be offered on the days that are required to enable parents to work or/and study, within the delivery models above.

17.6 In exceptional circumstances, at the discretion of the Head/Executive Head and in agreement with Early Years Finance or the relevant senior officer, an alternative delivery pattern may be agreed. This will be reviewed on a termly basis.

18. Stretched offer

18.1 We do not have a model that allows children under 3 to take up 30 funded hours term time only.

18.2 Eligible working parents of children under 3 who wish to use funded hours only, can be offered 20 hours a week (2 x 10hr days), stretched over 49/50 weeks - a total of 980/1000 hours - at no charge. This leaves the choice to take 160/140 funded hours elsewhere.

18.3 For further information about stretched offers please contact the Early Years Bursar.

19. Deposits

19.1 An advance payment (deposit) of £100 is required for Marketed places, which must remain in credit until the end of the contract.

19.2 The deposit will need to be kept in credit and will be deducted from the charge for the last week of attendance.

19.3 No deposits are paid for any other type of place.

20. Payment Methods

20.1 London Borough of Islington's preferred method of payments are ParentPay, Tax Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers.

21. Temporary offer of place – beginning of academic year

21.1 If there are vacancies at the beginning of the academic year and children require a place until they start school, this will be charged at holiday rate.

22. Charging institutions and outside boroughs

22.1 Borough and corporate sponsors paying for childcare are charged at the maximum band or full cost,

22.2 Where a corporate sponsor has a capped childcare contribution, all other parental income along with the sponsor's contribution must be assessed to determine the charging band applicable.

23. INSET Days and Bank Holidays

23.1 There are five days in an academic year known as INSET days when settings are closed during the term time for staff training. Charges are payable for these five days and for Bank Holidays. These charges are incorporated within the 39 term-time and the 49/50 holiday charge weeks.

24. Charging principles

24.1 London Borough of Islington applies its charges in line with the government statutory guidance for free early education and childcare entitlements.

24.2 The relevant dates (in relation to the age criterion) are as follows:

24.2.1 From the term after nine months parents could be eligible for the working parent entitlement of 30 hours; from the term after two, additional government support of 15 hours. Eligibility applies and evidence is required. From the term after three, all children are eligible for the universal entitlement of 15 hours, and eligible working parents are entitled to an additional 15 hours.

24.2.2 Children who are born in the following periods, the term after a child's birthday is defined as follows;

24.2.2.1 1 January to 31 March: the start of term beginning on or following 1 April

24.2.2.2 1 April to 31 August: the start of term beginning on or following 1 September

24.2.2.3 1 September to 31 December: the start of term beginning on or following 1 January

25. Charging schedules

25.1 Charges are based on the earned and unearned annual incomes available to both parents before any deductions, including Tax, National Insurance, Pension/Pension sacrifices, Childcare Voucher schemes, Annual Leave Accruals/Sacrifice, Travel Ticket, Laptop, Student Loan repayments, Gym Memberships, collections of rent from second or more properties, inheritance, eBay (any other selling sites) social media accounts etc. Please note this is not an exhaustive list.

26. Understanding the charging schedule columns

26.1 **Column 1**: Shows the income bands (1 to 11) and the marketed rate (Islington and non- Islington residents). Each band displays the hourly rate for the child's age in the corresponding columns. Once a place is offered, your income (joint income in a two parent family) will be assessed to determine the correct band and subsequent charges. Please click this link 17. Our delivery models – days and hours offered for further reference.

26.2 **Column 2**: Hourly rates for children aged 6 months to 2 years

26.2.1 Children with no entitlements are charged for 50 hours per week over 49/50 weeks per year. This includes 39 weeks of term time and 10 -11 holiday weeks.

26.2.2 For children aged 9 months to 2 years whose parents qualify for working parent entitlements, parents are charged for 20 hours per week during 39 term-time weeks. Holiday weeks (10 -11 weeks) are charged for 50 hours per week.

26.3 **Column 3:** For children aged 2 years and a term

26.3.1 Children with no entitlements are charged for 50 hours per week over 49/50 weeks per year. This includes 39 weeks of term time and 10 -11 holiday weeks.

26.3.2 For children aged 2 years and a term with 15-hour additional government support entitlement, parents are charged for 35 hours per week during term-time 39 weeks. Holiday weeks (10-11 weeks) are charged for 50 hours per week.

26.3.3 For children aged 2 years and a term, whose parents qualify for working parent entitlements, parents are charged for 20 hours per week during term-time 39 weeks. Holiday weeks (10-11 weeks) are charged for 50 hours per week.

26.4 **Column 4**: For children aged 3 and 4 (term after their third birthday)

26.4.1 For children with the 15-hour universal entitlement, parents are charged for 35 hours per week (15 hours are free) during term-time 39 weeks. Holiday weeks (10-11 weeks) are charged for 50 hours per week. Holiday charges are shown in (Please click this link **Column 5**.for further reference).

26.4.2 For children aged 3 and 4 (term after their third birthday), whose parents qualify for working parent entitlements, parents are charged for 20 hours per week during term-time 39 weeks. Holiday weeks (10-11 weeks) are charged for 50 hours per week. Holiday charges are shown in (Please click this link Column 5.for further reference).

26.4.3 **Column 5**: Holiday charges per hour (10/11 weeks) from September to August for 3 and 4 year olds

26.4.4 Children aged 3 and 4 with all-year-round places are charged for 50 hours for 10/11 weeks during the holiday

The implementation date for this charging schedule is Monday 1 September 2025

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5
Annual income earned and unearned including for both parents in a two-parent family before deductions	6 months – 2 years; All year (49 weeks)	2-year-olds; All year (49 weeks)	3- and 4-year-olds; Term Time (39 weeks) per year	3- & 4-year-olds Holidays (10 weeks) per year
Income bands	**Hourly rate**	**Hourly rate**	**Hourly rate**	**Hourly rate**
Band 1 **(Up to £24,999)**	**£4.32**	**£4.23**	**£4.24**	**£3.39**
Band 2 **(£25,000 - £30,999)**	**£4.57**	**£4.48**	**£4.48**	**£3.59**
Band 3 **(£31,000 - £39,999)**	**£4.98**	**£4.88**	**£4.88**	**£3.90**
Band 4 **(£40,000 - £49,999)**	**£5.51**	**£5.41**	**£5.41**	**£4.33**
Band 5 **(£50,000 - £59,999)**	**£6.19**	**£6.07**	**£6.07**	**£4.85**
Band 6 **(£60,000 - £69,999)**	**£6.99**	**£6.86**	**£6.86**	**£5.49**
Band 7 **(£70,000 - £79,999)**	**£7.27**	**£7.13**	**£7.13**	**£5.70**
Band 8 **(£80,000 - £89,999)**	**£8.55**	**£7.77**	**£7.77**	**£6.22**
Band 9 **(£90,000 - £99,999)**	**£9.04**	**£8.22**	**£8.22**	**£6.57**
Band 10 **(£100,000 - £120,000)**	**£9.95**	**£9.04**	**£9.04**	**£7.24**
Band 11 **(above £120,000)**	**£10.51**	**£9.56**	**£9.56**	**£7.65**
Marketed **(Islington and Out of Borough)**	**£11.08**	**£10.08**	**£10.08**	**£8.06**

Examples of calculations for childcare charges and food costs:

Please note: The lunch charge for three- and four-year-olds during the holidays is **£2.99 per day**, when attending from **Tuesday 21 July 2026**. There is no increase to playscheme currently this is under review and remains at the implemented charges as of Wednesday 23 July 2025.

This academic year is **49** weeks – which is inclusive of **10** holiday weeks. = All year round (AYR) is equal to **49** weeks. Term-time only (TTO) is equal to 38 TTO weeks and 5 inset days a total of 39 weeks.

1. Six months to the term after nine months – children of this age cannot apply for free early education and childcare entitlements

No entitlements

1.1 contracted for two days, all year (49 weeks), 8am to 6pm - Band 11, no entitlements **= £10.51 per hour x by 20 chargeable hours per week = £210.20 per week x 49 weeks.**

1.2 food costs are incorporated in the charges.

2. Term after nine months to term after two years

No entitlements

2.1 contracted for 5 days, all year (49 weeks), 8am to 6pm - Band 11 **= £10.51 per hour x 50 chargeable hours per week = £525.50 x 49 weeks.**

2.2 food costs are incorporated in the charges.

3. Term after nine months to term after two years

Eligible working parent - 30 hours free early education and childcare entitlement

3.1 contracted for 5 days, all year, 8am to 6pm - Band 11, 30 hour working parent entitlement **= £10.51 per hour x 20 hours per week = £210.20 x 39 weeks** (term time charge) **and £10.51 x 50 hours = £525.50 x 10 weeks** (holiday charge).

3.2 food costs – charged for 3 days per week in Band 11 = **£7.64** per day x 3 days= **£22.92** x 39 weeks

4. Stretched offer

Term after nine months to two years – Eligible working parents - 30 hours free early education and childcare entitlement.

4.1 contracted for two days, (in line with the delivery model) all year, 8am to 6pm - Band 5 with working parent entitlement – taken as a stretched offer of 20 hours per week. This uses **980/1000** hours out of a total available of **1140** per annum leaving **160/140** to use elsewhere. **This will be a £0.00 charge** for 49/50 weeks (term time and holidays).

4.2 food costs – charged for 2 days per week in Band 5 = **£4.50** per day x 2 days = **£9.00** x 49/50 weeks.

5. Two and a term

Eligible working parent - 30 hours free early education and childcare entitlement.

5.1 contracted for five days, all year, 8am to 6pm - marketed place (out of borough) with 30 hours working parent entitlement, this child's older sibling also has a marketed place (refer to Discounts - section 15 of this policy - discounts apply to Islington residents who are paying childcare charges), **= £10.08 per hour x 20 chargeable hours per week = £201.60 x 39. weeks** (term time charge) **£10.08 per hour x 50 chargeable hours = £504.00 per week x 10/11 weeks** (holiday charge).

5.2 food costs – charged for 3 days per week at marketed rate = **£8.06** per day x 3 days = **£24.18** x 39 weeks (term time only).

6. Two and a term

Eligible additional government support hours of 15 hours free early education and childcare entitlement.

6.1 allocated a Priority Early Learning place (PEL) – contract is for two and a half days, term time only, 9.30am to 3.30pm x 2 days and 9.30 to 12.30 x 1 day – Band 1 entitled to 15 hours additional support = **£0.00 per hour x 15 hours = £0.00 per week x 39 weeks** (term time only).

6.2 food costs - Please note; no lunch charge is applied to children accessing the eligible additional government support hours of 15 only at age two, where hours include the lunch period **–** applied to those who are not working.

6.3 allocated a Priority Early Learning place (PEL) – contract is for five days, term time only, 9.30am to 3.30pm – Band 1 entitled to 15 hours additional support **= £4.23 per hour x 15 hours = £63.45per week x 39 weeks** (term time only).

6.4 food costs – charged for 2 days per week in Band 1 = **£3.39 per day x 2 days = £6.78 x 39 weeks** (term time only).

6.5 contract is for five days, all year, 8am to 6pm – Band 1 entitled to 15 hours additional support = **£4.23 per hour x 35 chargeable hours = £148.05 per week x 39 weeks** (term time only charge) and **£4.23 per hour x 50 chargeable hours = £211.50 per week x 10/11 weeks** (holiday charge).

6.6 food costs – charged for 2 days per week in Band 1 = **£3.39 per day x 2 days = £6.78 x 39 weeks** (term time only).

7. Two and a term

Eligible for 15 additional government support hours and 15 working parent hours of free early education and childcare entitlements.

(please note; in this case it is required that the parent uses the 15 hours additional government support first and 15 hours only of the working parent entitlement – totalling 30 hours)

7.1 contract is for five days, all year, 8am to 6pm – Band 1 entitled to 15 hours additional government support and 15 hours working parent entitlement **= £4.23 per hour x 20 hours per week = £84.60 x 39 weeks** (term time only charge) **£4.23 per hour x 50 hours = £211.50 per week x 10/11 weeks** (holiday charge).

7.2 food costs – charged for 3 days per week in Band 1 = **£3.39 per day x 3 days = £10.17 x 39 weeks** (term time only).

8. Three- and four-year-olds

8.1 contracted for three days, AYR, 8am to 6pm, Band 8, entitled to 30 hours (15 universal hours and 15 hours working parent entitlements) = **£0.00 x 39 weeks** (term time charge) and **£6.22 per hour x 30 hours = £186.60 per week x 10 weeks** (holiday charge)

8.2 lunch charges – charged for 3 days per week during the holidays only at **£2.99 per day when attending.**

9. Three- and four-year-olds

9.1 contracted for five days, term time only, 9.30am to 3.30pm, Band 11, entitled to the universal hours of 15 = **£9.56 per hour x 15 hours = £143.40 x 39 weeks** (term time charge).

9.2 lunch charges – **no charges** for lunch during the term time.

Playscheme charges to be implemented - **Wednesday 23 July 2025**

For all children in Islington funded nurseries, including early years and children's centres, nursery schools, primary schools (where applicable) and community nurseries.

1. Criteria

Parents can apply for a playscheme place for their child providing they meet the following criteria:

1.1. Children who have left the setting to go to school the term or year before returning for playscheme.

1.2. Children with a term time only contract may be offered a holiday place in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of Executive Head of Centre. This will be charged at the holiday rate.

1.3. Places are allocated first to those who live in Islington, second to those who work in Islington, and third to other applicants in line with the admissions policy.

2. Hours and days

2.1 Places are offered in line with the delivery model - 8am to 6pm two, three or five consecutive days at the beginning or end of the week.

3. Cost

3.1 **£204.00 a week** which covers provision as detailed in 2.1.

4. Lunch

4.1 In addition, lunch is charged separately at **£2.99** a day when attending.

5. The Council has a 'NO ARREARS' Policy

5.1 All arrears **MUST** be cleared before a playscheme place can be offered.

5.2 Playscheme charges must be paid in advance.

5.3 No refunds are given once the contract has been signed - this must be returned within one week of offering the place.

Full details can be found in the:

- Playscheme policy
- Emergency contact forms

Available on request