



*Growing together, hand in hand*

# Nursery Lunch Club Policy

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## Early Years Vision and Introduction to Nursery

It is our belief that the purpose of education is to provide young people with the knowledge and skills to prepare them for their diverse working lives, build character, teach knowledge for its own intrinsic value and ignite a love for learning.

In Early Years, we are the opening scene; hooking our littlest learners into a voyage where they will discover a life-long love of learning. We believe it is our duty to provide our children with a strong foundation of knowledge that will equip them with the skills to lead a successful future. Through the provision of an inspiring and rich curriculum, accessed through play and adult led activities, alongside high-quality direct teaching in phonics, reading, writing and maths, we support our children to become independent and confident lifelong learners.

### Little Leaders, Big Tomorrow

Our Nursery has a maximum of 52 morning places and 52 afternoon places due to the size of the room and health and safety requirements. However, one child may use a morning and afternoon place if they are eligible for the additional 15 hours funding, therefore accessing 30 hours of funded early years education.

Wrap around care is available on the school site from Farlea childcare who operate a breakfast club from 7:15am and an after-school club until 6:00pm.

### What is lunch club?

Here at Gorsemoor, we provide an option for families to extend their child's nursery day through our Lunch Club, a relaxed, calm and social time for children to enjoy lunch together.

Our lunch Club provides a welcoming environment where children can develop essential skills in a relaxed and supportive setting. Following both the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) and NHS guidelines for 3-4-year-olds, our Lunch Club encourages learning that supports children's overall health, independence, and social development.

#### Learning opportunities when accessing lunch club:

- **Mealtime Expectations:** Children learn positive mealtime behaviors, such as sitting together, listening, and taking turns during conversation, helping to build respect for routines and the needs of others.
- **Independent Skills:** Lunch Club promotes independence by encouraging children to unpack and tidy up their lunch items, fostering responsibility and self-care.
- **Social Skills:** Through guided conversations, children practice social skills, such as sharing, polite interaction, and collaborative conversation, enhancing their confidence and communication abilities.
- **Healthy Choices:** Staff engage children in discussions about their food choices, introducing concepts of balanced nutrition and healthy eating habits. This aligns with NHS guidance, which suggests that children aged 3-4 benefit from learning about food variety and making nutritious choices.

Our approach in Lunch Club supports the Early Years Foundation Stage goal of preparing children for lifelong well-being, independence, and social participation.

### Lunch Club Details

Lunch Club at Gorsemoor Primary School and Nursery is held daily from 11:45am. to 12:30pm. Lunch Club provides a structured yet relaxed environment where children can enjoy a social lunchtime together. It is supported by some of the nursery staff (at least level 3 qualified) and dedicated lunch time support staff. There will always be at least one Paediatric First Aider supporting Lunch Club at all times.

Children accessing the 30-hour funded provision are automatically enrolled in Lunch Club each day, although the funding does not cover this session. For children accessing the 15-hour provision, Lunch Club is available upon request, but sessions must be booked at least two weeks in advance to ensure adequate staffing.

Lunch Club costs £4 per day, and this fee is invoiced on a half-termly basis. Payments must be made in advance via ParentPay and can be made weekly, monthly, or half-termly, depending on family preference. Families are responsible for providing a nutritious packed lunch and lunchbox for their child each day.

Please note that the £4 fee applies to each Lunch Club session booked for the half term, even if a child is unable to attend due to illness or other reasons, as the fees directly support the operation of the Lunch Club.

In cases where accounts are not settled by the invoice due date, a late payment charge of £5 may be added. If payments remain outstanding, a child's place may be temporarily paused until the account is brought up to date.

Please note that Lunch Club fees are **not covered by the 30-hour funded provision** and are therefore charged separately.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Total hours
<b>Morning session</b>	<b>8:45-11:45am</b> – 3 hours funded hours claimed.	<b>8:45-11:45am</b> – 3 hours funded hours claimed.	<b>8:45-11:45am</b> – 3 hours funded hours claimed.	<b>8:45-11:45am</b> – 3 hours funded hours claimed.	<b>8:45-11:45am</b> – 3 hours funded hours claimed.	<b>15</b>
<b>Lunch club – no funded hours are used to cover lunch club.</b>	£4 – payable on Parent Pay	£4 – payable on Parent Pay	£4 – payable on Parent Pay	£4 – payable on Parent Pay	£4 – payable on Parent Pay	<b>No hours are claimed for lunch club.</b>
<b>Afternoon session</b>	<b>12:25-3:25pm</b> - 3 hours funded hours claimed.	<b>12:25-3:25pm</b> - 3 hours funded hours claimed.	<b>12:25-3:25pm</b> - 3 hours funded hours claimed.	<b>12:25-3:25pm</b> - 3 hours funded hours claimed.	<b>12:25-3:25pm</b> - 3 hours funded hours claimed.	<b>15</b>

**For children accessing 30 funded hours, they will access the full day provision.**

**More information about funded sessions can be found in our Nursery Admissions Policy.**