

Growing Patch Nursery Funding & Session Update September 2026

At Growing Patch Nursery, we aim to provide flexible, nurturing childcare while ensuring a clear and sustainable session structure for all families. Following recent feedback and increasing demand for flexible childcare, we will be making some changes to our funded sessions from September 2026.

Minimum Attendance Requirement

To support children's development, routine and continuity of care, all funded children are required to attend a minimum of two full core sessions per week. Our core session times are: **9:00am – 3:00pm** This applies to both term-time and stretched funded places.

Term Time Funding (38 Weeks)

Funded hours for term-time only children will be allocated between: **10:00am – 3:00pm**
(5 funded hours daily)

Stretched Funding (50 Weeks)

Families requiring all-year-round childcare may choose to stretch their funded entitlement across 50 weeks of the year. **30 Hours Stretched Funding**

10:00am – 2:30pm

(22.5 funded hours weekly)

15 Hours Stretched Funding

1:00pm – 3:15pm

(11.25 funded hours weekly)

Additional Childcare

Additional childcare continues to be available outside funded hours between: • 8:00am – 10:00am

- After funded sessions until 5:00pm Additional childcare is charged at **£10.00 per hour**.

Optional Additional Charges

Item	Cost
Breakfast	£1.00
AM / PM Snack	£1.00
Lunchbox Reheating	£1.00
High Tea	£4.00
Specialist Tuition (Calypso, PE & Yoga)	£5.00 per week
Additional Activity Resources	£1.00 per day

Example – Child Attending 9:00am–3:00pm (30 Hours Stretched Funding)

Time	Charge
9:00am – 10:00am	Additional childcare charged at £10.00
10:00am – 2:30pm	Funded session
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Additional session charged at £5.00