

THE GOWER SCHOOL
MONTESSORI NURSERY – NORTH ROAD (0 - 5)
FEES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/24

Fees are payable monthly in advance by direct debit. Fees are calculated based on the 48 weeks of the year that The Gower School is open, averaged into 12 monthly payments. Monthly payments will include bank and public holidays as well as five training days, which are payable in full in spite of closure, as our monthly staffing costs remain the same. Fees reduce at the start of the calendar month following a child's second birthday and the start of the term following their third birthday**. For children of eligible age, the 15 hours Early Years Childcare (EYC*)/Early Education (EE**) funding is applied to fees, and so the fee payable by parents is lower by that amount. No refunds are given in event of sickness or family holidays as places are held open. The nursery is closed for 5 training days each year; dates are notified in advance and are displayed on the school website. These are working days for staff and fees include this investment in our staff. The standard day is 8am to 6pm. Extended care from 6-6:30pm is offered either on a regular or ad hoc basis. All extra hours must be booked by 12 noon on the day. Full fees are due from your child's first settling in day.

When your child is offered a place at The Gower School a deposit of £1,000 becomes payable. This is fully refunded when your child leaves the nursery, and it is our policy to use the deposit in lieu of the last month's fees, provided there are no other outstanding payments due.

Fees are inclusive of all care provision, books, stationery, art and craft materials, freshly prepared food and drink (including organic milk and fresh fruits) and local outings (with the exclusion of exceptional trips). Specialist tuition for baby signing, Yoga, IT, French, mini tennis, football, singing, guitar and movement, drama, and music lessons are included. Parents are asked to provide babies with formula milk. We provide Real Washable Nappies, organic milk and filtered water. We have limited places available for young babies between 3 months and 6 months old. Priority is given to full time places and this is reflected in the fee structure. Monthly fees are as follows:

FULL DAY CARE (8am-6pm)

| <u>3 months to 2 years</u> | <u>9-23 months (after EYC* of £633.17)</u> | <u>2 years to 3 years</u> | <u>2 years (after EYC* of £413.73)</u> | <u>3 years (after EE** of £304.95)</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 5 days £2,470.35 | 5 days £1,837.18 | 5 days £2,096.25 | 5 days £1,682.52 | 5 days £1,791.30 |
| 4 days £2,227.40 | 4 days £1,594.23 | 4 days £1,942.55 | 4 days £1,528.82 | 4 days £1,637.60 |
| 3 days £1,718.95 | 3 days £1,085.78 | 3 days £1,509.30 | 3 days £1,095.57 | 3 days £1,204.35 |
| 2 days £1,235.20 | 2 days £602.03 | 2 days £1,118.00 | 2 days £704.27 | 2 days £813.05 |
| Extra day | Extra day | Extra day | Extra day | Extra day |

PART TIME PLACES (children 3 years old can start on 3 or 4 half days but build up to 5 half days in a term)

Morning Sessions (9am to 12:30pm)

| <u>18 months to 3 years</u> | <u>18-23 months (after EYC* of £633.17)</u> | <u>2 years (after EYC* of £413.73)</u> | <u>3 years (after EE** of £304.95)</u> |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 5 mornings £1,315.80 | 5 mornings £682.63 | 5 mornings £902.07 | 5 mornings £1,010.85 |
| 4 mornings £1,084.70 | | | |
| 3 mornings £870.75 | | | |

Morning Sessions (9am to 2:15pm)

| <u>18 months to 3 years</u> | <u>18-23 months (after EYC* of £633.17)</u> | <u>2 years (after EYC* of £413.73)</u> | <u>3 years (after EE** of £304.95)</u> |
|---------------------------------|---|--|--|
| 5 mornings £1,514.70 | 5 mornings £881.53 | 5 mornings £1,100.97 | 5 mornings £1,209.75 |
| 4 mornings £1,300.75 | | | |
| 3 mornings £1,084.70 | | | |

Afternoon Sessions (2:15pm to 5pm)

| <u>18 months to 3 years</u> |
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| 5 afternoons £1,151.35 |
| 4 afternoons £953.55 |
| 3 afternoons £733.15 |

LES PAPILLONS & LES DAUPHINS

From the term after a child's 3rd birthday, children may join Les Papillons or Les Dauphins, where the minimum attendance is 6 sessions per week, and may be up to 5 full days. Many parents choose to build up to a 5 full-day place over the 5 terms.

3 years to 4 years (after EE**)

- 5 full days (8am to 6pm) £1,791.30
- 4 full days (8am to 6pm) £1,637.60
- 3 full days (8am to 6pm) £1,204.35
- 5 core days (9am to 4pm) £1,177.05

Where indicated, fees are inclusive of government funded 15 hours Early Years Childcare (EYC)/Early Education (EE**), effective the term after a child's relevant birthday.

Whilst we do not swap days, additional hours, and emergency days cover are organised whenever possible. Extra hours for sessional/core day places are charged at £15.05 per hour if a regular booking payable by direct debit or £19.25 for ad hoc hours. Extended care, 6-6:30pm is charged at £12 per session if a regular booking payable by direct debit or £17.50 for an ad hoc session. Late collection and early arrival is charged at £1 per minute outside the child's allocated times. A 10% sibling discount for the nursery will apply to the lower fees.

Please note 3 months' written notice is required by the nursery when you plan for your child to leave and 3 months' fees are due, including during closure periods. Please also note any alterations in attendance require 3 months' written notice.

Overpayments to be returned will incur a £15 administration fee. Late payment of fees after the 1st working day of the month will incur a £25 charge. The Gower Schools Limited reserves the right to charge interest at 2% above base rate on outstanding balances. Returned cheques or payments will incur a £5 administration fee.

Childcare Vouchers, Tax Free Childcare and Workplace Nursery Schemes are all accepted as payments. Fees are subject to revision on an annual basis, and written notice will be given of any changes. Monthly fees are payable by direct debit, or additional charges may apply. Please pay by BACS to our Account Number: 40876178 Sort Code: 207499 using your surname and child's name as reference.

15 hours Early Years Childcare (EYC) and Early Education (EE) factsheet

What Early Years Childcare and Early Education are:

The Gower School accepts non means tested funding for 15 hours for 3 and 4 year olds. From September 2024, means tested funding for 15 hours for 9 month to 2 year olds will be in place. Parents can assess their eligibility for funding and the application process by visiting the Government Childcare Choices website.

The government funds the hours for the children, and each Local Authority passports the money to the provider. Islington Council pays The Gower School for each child enrolled on the school. Proof of address and a birth certificate for the child is required by the government.

Ages of child eligibility for funded 2, 3 and 4 years olds (set by government)

| * | Date of Birth for Early Years Childcare Eligibility – 2 year olds | Date of Birth for Early Education Eligibility – 3 year olds | Date of Birth for Early Education Eligibility – 4 year olds |
|----------------------------------|---|---|---|
| Summer Term 2024: 01Apr-31Aug | 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022 | 01/04/2020 to 31/03/2021 | 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020 |
| Autumn Term 2024: 01Sep-31Dec | 01/09/2021 to 31/08/2022 | 01/09/2020 to 31/08/2021 | 01/09/2019 to 31/08/2020 |
| Spring Term 2025: 01Jan-31Mar | 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2022 | 01/01/2021 to 31/12/2021 | 01/01/2020 to 31/12/2020 |

How the system works

The local authority pays us £2,532.70 a term for 9- to 23-month-olds, £1,911 a term for 2-year-olds and £1,527 for 3-year-olds. Whilst the Government funding is structured for 38 weeks of the year (term time), our places are for 48 weeks of the year, and so the funded hours are stretched over the 48 weeks that we're open.

We offer a limited number of places which are absolutely free at the point of contact, for the 15 hours a week, 38 weeks only.

The government's many schemes have made this quite complicated! If you would like to speak to us to understand exactly what this would mean for you, please do get in touch for us to talk it through together.