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Opening Times, Fees, and Funding Information from April 2025

Rydal is open from 8am to 6pm (5:30pm on Friday's), Monday to Friday, for 50 weeks of the year and only offers all year-round places. We are closed during the week between Christmas and New Year and for the 8 bank holidays. We may close for 1 inset day per year for staff training and will notify you of this date if an inset day is planned. No fees are charged for these planned closure dates.

At Rydal we are delighted when we are chosen to be your child's nursery. We accept children from 6 months old, and they are welcomed into our Tweenies room. From the first day of the month after their 2nd birthday they will move to our Jolly Tots room. Children then progress to Preschool between the 1st of the month after they turn 3 and the September before they start school.

Session Times

Our core session times for all sessions are 8.30 – 12 noon and 1 – 4.30 pm. In addition to our core opening times, we offer 8am start for breakfast club and tea sessions till 5.30 or 6.00 pm (5.30pm on a Friday). To enable us to remain within correct adult to child ratios, children need to have left the premises by the time their session finishes. We ask that you arrive to collect your child before the end of the session to ensure staff are able to give you a full handover.

Settling in & Uniform

Approximately 6 weeks before your start date, you will be contacted to arrange your 2 settling in sessions. The first session will be for 1 hour and is free of charge, the second settling session is usually for 2-3 hours but children can stay longer if they are doing well. The second session is therefore charged at the full session rate. Parents should stay for the first 15 minutes of the first session to go through the child's 'All About Me' information.

Rydal Day Nursery polo shirts are available to buy at £9 each, should you wish. They are durable, long lasting and are perfect for messy play and nursery days. They come in variable sizes and can be ordered, ready for your child starting.

Fees

Fees are charged in advance. Invoices are emailed out around the 25th of the month and payment is due by the first of the month. Parents can login to their child's nursery admin account to view invoices and payments at any time. For parents who are not in receipt of Universal Credit payments, we recommend setting up a Government Tax Free Childcare Account to pay for their Nursery fees, where the Government will pay 20% of your invoice. For every £8.00 paid by parents into their Government Tax Free Childcare Account, the Government will contribute £2.00. For parents who claim Universal Credit, you may be eligible to claim up to 80% of your childcare costs back. Parents cannot claim back childcare costs on Universal Credit and use a Tax-free Childcare account.

Go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk for information on all available childcare funding.

Registration Deposits

A registration deposit of £100 is payable to secure your child's place, this will be deducted from your final invoice. Should you decide not to start with us or not give the minimum notice period once you have taken up your place, the deposit will be retained by Rydal Day Nursery.

Unfunded Session Fees (see funding info below for sustainability charge relating to funded sessions)

Tweenies Fees – from 6 months old to the last day of the month your child turns 2

Options	Details	Fees from April 2025
Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30	Childcare and breakfast	£5.10
Core session 8.30 – 12.00	Childcare, food, nursery consumables & resources	£37.10
Core session 1.00-4.30	Childcare, food, nursery consumables & resources	£37.10
Lunch time 12.00 – 1.00	Childcare & 2 course cooked lunch meal	£9.00
Tea time 4.30 – 5.30	Childcare & 2 course tea meal	£10.30
Tea time extended, 4.30 – 6	Childcare & 2 course tea meal	£12.90
Full Day 8.30 – 4.30	Childcare, snacks (am & pm), 2 course cooked lunch meal, nursery consumables & resources	£67.70

Jolly Tots & Pre-School Fees – from 1st of the month after they turn 2 till school age

Options	Details	Fees from April 2025
Breakfast Club 8.00-8.30	Childcare and breakfast	£5.10
Core session 8.30 – 12.00	Childcare, snacks, nursery consumables & resources	£28.35
Core session 1.00- 4.30	Childcare, snacks, nursery consumables & resources	£28.35
Lunch time 12.00 – 1.00	Childcare & 2 course cooked lunch meal	£9.00
Tea time 4.30 – 5.30	Childcare & 2 course tea meal	£10.30
Tea time extended 4.30 – 6.00	Childcare & 2 course tea meal	£12.90
Full Day 8.30 – 4.30	Childcare, snacks (am & pm), 2 course cooked lunch meal, nursery consumables & resources	£58.40

Information on Funded Places

We choose to offer all types of Government funding at Rydal. These are:

- 9 month old funding
- Working parents 2 year old funding
- 2 year old funding for disadvantaged children
- 3 & 4 year old universal funding
- 3 & 4 year old extended funding

We claim the funding on your behalf directly from the Local Authority. Several weeks before your child's funding is due to commence, we will send you a Parent Declaration Form to complete and return. You will need to bring your child's original passport or birth certificate to Rydal so we can take a copy to upload to the funding system. If you have any questions, after reading the information below, please contact Claire at accounts@rydaldaynursery.co.uk.

Please note, we charge for consumables, food and activities & enhancements to our childcare provision, see below. Unfortunately, the Government funding we receive does not cover the cost of delivering childcare and the EYFS curriculum.

For eligibility criteria for all categories and to apply for funding go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk.

IMPORTANT: For all funding (except Universal 3/4 year old funding), you will need to apply for your code during the term BEFORE your child is eligible to receive the funding. ie. During the term that they turn 9 months/ 2 years or 3 years, so that the code can be used from the start of the term after they turn 9 months/2 or 3. As an example, for a child turning 2 years or 3 years in March, you will need to apply for their funding during the Spring term (Jan to March) so that you can use the funding code from April. For 9 month old funding, you can only apply for a code once you are within 30 days of returning from maternity leave. In some cases, this can leave a small window to be able to apply for the code before the end of term cut off, so make sure you know when you need to apply. If you are unsure, go to www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to check.

A child's funding year will commence from the start of the term after the age specification of the funding. A child's funding year is a year from when the funding commenced i.e January to December, April to March or September to August.

Child turning the specified funding age between	Eligible for funding from
1 st September – 31 st December	1 st January
1 st January – 31 st March	1 st April
1 st April – 31 st August	1 st September

9 Month old funding ('15 hrs' available from September 2024, '30 hrs' available from September 2025)

Apply at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

'15 hours' funding - 570 hours per funding year (570 / 47.5 weeks = 12hrs/week).

'30 hours' funding - 1140 hours per funding year (1140 / 47.5 weeks = 24hrs/week).

If eligible, you will receive a code via your online Childcare Choices Account.

You must re-confirm your eligibility every 3 months. If you do not re-confirm, your funding may stop.

Working families 2 year old funding ('15 hrs' available from April 2024, '30 hrs' available from September 2025)

Apply at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

'15 hours' funding - 570 hours per funding year (570 / 47.5 weeks = 12hrs/week).

'30 hours' funding - 1140 hours per funding year (1140 / 47.5 weeks = 24hrs/week).

If eligible, you will receive a code via your online Childcare Choices Account.

You must re-confirm your eligibility every 3 months. If you do not re-confirm, your funding may stop.

2 year old funding for disadvantaged children ('15 hrs' funding)

Apply directly to North Somerset Council. Information can be found at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

570 hours per funding year (570 / 47.5 weeks = 12hrs/week)

If you are eligible for 2 year old funding for disadvantaged children, you will be given a 2 year old funding voucher and letter, via email, from North Somerset Council.

Once you have been granted this funding, children will remain eligible until the start of the term after their 3rd birthday.

3 & 4 year old universal funding ('15 hrs' funding)

All children are eligible for this funding so there is no need to apply.

'15 hours' funding - 570 hours per funding year (570 / 47.5 weeks = 12hrs/week).

3 & 4 year old extended funding ('30 hrs' funding)

Apply at www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

'15 hours' funding - 570 hours per funding year (570 / 47.5 weeks = 12hrs/week).

If eligible, you will receive a code via your online Childcare Choices Account.

You must re-confirm your eligibility every 3 months. If you do not re-confirm, your funding may stop.

Sessions booked outside of our core session times are charged at full rate as no funding is claimed for them.

Additional one-off sessions are charged at the unfunded rate because we do not receive funding from North Somerset for one off sessions. Any core session hours that a child attends Rydal that are not covered by funding will be charged at our full unfunded rate.

How we claim funding

At Rydal we claim funding between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm (our core opening times). In addition to our core opening times, we offer: 8am start, for Breakfast Club and Teatime sessions, with collections at 5.30 or 6.00 pm (5.30pm on a Friday) private fees apply for these additional sessions (see above).

We claim the funding on your behalf directly from the Local Authority. Several weeks before your child's funding is due to commence, we will send you a Parent Declaration Form to complete and return. You will need to bring your child's original passport or birth certificate to Rydal so we can take a copy to upload to the funding system.

At Rydal, funding is stretched over 47.5 weeks, to a maximum of 12 hours/week for 15 hours funding and 24 hours/week for 30 hours funding. 47.5 weeks is the optimal number of weeks we can claim over to allow us to claim your full entitlement over as much of the year as possible. As we are open for 50 weeks per year, **2.5 weeks are charged at the unfunded rate (see above)**. We do not offer Term Time only places. **IMPORTANT:** See the calendar below for information on when we can claim funding.

As you will see from the calendar, the dates that we don't claim funding (marked in grey) will mean invoice totals for that month will be above average. To assist families with cash flow and budgeting, we can calculate your average monthly costs over a 12 month period. You will still receive your itemised invoice showing your actual cost of sessions each month, but you can choose to pay the average monthly amount instead. This means your account will sometimes show a small credit and sometimes show a small debit. Choosing the average monthly payment amount also means you can automate your payments with a standing order if you wish, even if you use your Government Tax Free Childcare account to pay your invoices. If you would like us to calculate your average monthly payment, please email accounts@rydaldaynursery.co.uk.

North Somerset Council's Funding Calendar for Funded Childcare Places from April 2025

Funded weeks calendar for April 2025 - August 2026 (47.5 weeks funded)

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Information on Holiday & Sickness for Funded Places

North Somerset Council have advised us that if a child has more than 2 weeks off at a time, they will not pay the funding for any sessions from the 3rd week onwards, until the child starts attending again. This is calculated in terms of funded hours/week. Any funded sessions that Rydal is unable to claim from North Somerset Council due to your child being absent for more than 2 weeks, will be charged at the unfunded rate.

Additional Charges

For funded core sessions, we charge a consumables, snacks, activities & enhanced provision charge per AM and PM session attended, which relates to parts of the session NOT covered by funding and for services not linked to the Nursery Education funded place. The charge is a single charge of £8.20 per session but will be shown itemised on your invoice. This charge covers:

Consumables (£2)

- Special occasion activity resources for Christmas, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, Chinese New Year etc.
- Cooking and gardening activities supplies
- Gloves for the application of suncream, personal care and food handling etc.
- Ad hoc consumables (nappies, wipes, suncream, should a child's personal supply from home run out).
- Staff time for ordering and accounts administration relating to consumables

Snacks (£2.20)

- 2 types of fruit or veg (am session) and 2 types of fruit or veg and a carbohydrate snack (pm session)
- Large variety of fruits and vegetables offered including exotic
- Allergy alternatives
- Cow's milk and milk alternatives
- Utensils, kitchen equipment, plates, bowls, cups and replacement of
- Staff time for food preparation and washing up. Food is cut and prepared in accordance with the Food Standards Agency's Early Years Food Choking Hazards guidance.
- Costs for food storage and waste disposal relating to providing snacks and refreshments
- Staff time for accounts administration, food ordering and menu and nutrition reviews

Activities and enhanced provision (£4)

The charge covers activities and enhanced provision to enable us to provide additional experiences and an enhanced level of care for our families over and above the childcare provision that the Government funding covers. The charge covers:

- Additional activities and visits from outside companies for example animal petting companies, music & movement sessions and sport active sessions and the staff time to source and book the activities, as well as accounts administration.
- Providing and replacing enhanced activities equipment
- Poetry basket membership
- Christmas and graduation parties and activities during our Summer and Christmas fun weeks.
- Additional staff costs for increased staff to child ratios when on some nursery outings.
- The costs involved with creating and administering your child's learning journey, giving you something to keep and look back on and the cost of our online daily child diaries. Learning journeys and online handover information for you to access at home are not a requirement of the EYFS.
- Enhanced staff training over and above the Government's minimum requirements such as child mental health training, enhanced SENCO training, behaviour management training to name a few.
- Additional staffing cost, over and above the minimum government requirements. The Early Years Funding has been calculated on the assumption that all settings are full all the time, and are working to their maximum ratios permitted and to the minimum numbers of qualified staff permitted, which is only one member of staff qualified as a Level 3 Practitioner per nursery (at Rydal that would be 5% of staff), with the remaining staff being qualified at a Level 2 or unqualified. Here at Rydal, over 83% of our childcare staff are qualified to Level 3 and 20% are qualified to level 4 or above, we believe this gives a better quality of care for your children. Some of the enhancement charge goes towards paying the additional rate per hour that a Level 3 Practitioner is paid. In September 2023 the minimum child to adult ratio for 2 year olds was changed from 1:4 to 1:5. At Rydal, we are proud to say that we still work to the 1:4 ratio to enable the children to receive an enhanced level of care and attention.

Lunch charge

- 2 course lunch comprising of a well balanced nutritious hot meal and cold pudding
- Allergy alternatives and dietary preferences
- Utensils, kitchen equipment, plates, bowls, cups and replacement of
- Staff time for food preparation and washing up. Food is cut and prepared in accordance with the Food Standards Agency's Early Years Food Choking Hazards guidance.
- Costs for food storage and waste disposal relating to providing lunch
- Utilities costs relating to providing lunch
- Staff time for accounts administration, food ordering and menu and nutrition reviews

Our consumables, activities and enhanced provision charge for funded places are:

Session	Details	Fees from April 2025	Unfunded under 2's rate	Unfunded over 2's rate
Core session 8.30–12pm 3.5hrs funding	Childcare free. consumables, activities and enhanced provision charge	£8.20	£37.10	£28.35
Core session 1.00–4.30 3.5hrs funding	Childcare free. consumables, activities and enhanced provision charge	£8.20	£37.10	£28.35
Lunch charge 12–1pm 1hr funding	Childcare free, 2 course cooked lunch meal	£3.95	£9	£9
Full day 8.30-4.30 8hrs funding	Childcare free. AM & PM consumables, activities and enhanced provision charge and 2 course cooked lunch charge	£20.35	£67.70	£58.40

Although the food, consumables and activities & enhanced provision charges are not mandatory, without parents willingness to pay it, we would need to make the difficult decision to either strip back our childcare offering, employing more unqualified staff, working to minimum staff ratio and removing all the elements of our enhanced childcare provision or consider limiting or removing the offering of funded spaces altogether. This is due to the Government funding not covering the cost of delivering good quality childcare and the Early Year Foundation Stage curriculum.

We value our parent childcare provider relationship, and we are happy to discuss any concerns you may have about our charges if you are unable to or unwilling to pay. You can e-mail Claire at accounts@rydaldaynursery.co.uk or give us a call on 01275 342352.