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glasgow east

Childcare costs—what you might need to pay for nursery or out of school care



Families have told us they often find it hard to understand how much childcare will cost and what support is available to help to pay for it.

This fact sheet contains some information on how much childcare can cost in this area and details of where you can find out more.

Our *Paying for childcare* leaflet has information on help that you may be able to get with childcare costs. Get it by calling our Project Officer, Anthony O'Malley on 07414610096 or you can send an email to aomalley@childreninscotland.org.uk

Nursery and under 5 childcare costs

Glasgow City Council Nurseries

Glasgow City Council charges an hourly rate for childcare. This means that if you use a nursery for 3 hours per day, that's what you'll be charged for. At the moment this is charged at £3.00 per hour for Glasgow residents. To show you how much this might be:

If your child goes for 40 hours per week (5 days for 8 hours per day) this would cost: **£120.00**

If your child goes for 20 hours per week (5 days for 4 hours per day) this would cost: **£60.00**

Glasgow City Council offers discounted places for kinship carers and low income families. You should discuss this with the nursery when applying. These nurseries are in high demand and you may be placed on a waiting list.

Other nurseries

Nurseries run by businesses or by charities can be easier to get a place but can be more expensive than council run services. All of the nurseries in the CHANGE area charge half-day, full-day and weekly rates.

To show you how much this might be:

If your child goes for 40-50 hours per week (5 days for 8-10 hours per day) you might pay: **£170.00-£185.00**

If your child goes for 20-25 hours per week (2.5 days or 5 half-days) you might pay: **£88.50-£112.00**

Some of these nurseries may ask you to pay a deposit or registration fee before you are able to take up a place.

Out of school care costs

Out of school cares in Glasgow East charge a standard daily rate, although discounts are available if you use a service for the whole week. There can be differences in the cost depending on how often and when you need a place. Most services cost more on a weekly basis if you only use them during school holidays or during the school term. If you use a service all-year round then you may pay a little bit less each week.

Each service is able to collect children from school but this will only be from certain schools depending on the area covered by the out of school care.

All-year round

If your child goes for 5 days per week after school (15 hours) and 5 full days (50 hours) during holidays you might pay: **£61.00-£65.00**

If your child goes for 2 days per week after school (6 hours) and 2 full days during school holidays (20 hours) you might pay: **£28.00-£30.00**

School-term only

If your child goes for 5 days after school (15 hours per week) you might pay: **£65.00-£75.00**

If your child goes for 2 days after school (6 hours per week) you might pay: **£29.00-£32.00**

School holidays only

If your child goes for 5 full days (50 hours per week) you might pay: **£85.00-£125.00**

If your child goes for 2 full days (20 hours per week) hours per week you might pay: **£34.00-£50.00**

Other costs

It is important to be aware that there may be other costs and charges in addition to your childcare fees. Some examples of these are:

- Registration fees and deposits—usually need to be paid before you start using a service. Not every service has these.
- Toy funds/fundraising—usually these are optional and money goes towards buying new resources for children.
- Food—some services charge extra if lunches or snacks are provided for the child. In Glasgow City Council nurseries you will receive an invoice if you are eligible to pay for snacks and lunches.

When applying for a childcare place it is important to ask the service if any additional charges apply. Some of these may be optional.

Further information & useful numbers

The Glasgow Family Information Service (GFIS) has contact details and addresses for all of the nurseries and out of school cares in Glasgow and in this area. The website is **www.gfis.org.uk** and you can contact the team by telephone on **0141 287 4702**

One Parent Families Scotland: Lone parent helpline
0808 801 0323

GEMAP: Money advice helpline
0141 773 5850