

Fees and Financial Information 2026-2027

This document sets out the fees and charges applicable to all children attending Waldorf Cambridge for the academic year September 2026 to July 2027.

Please note VAT will be added from the 1st of January 2025. VAT is payable on all school fees for children of compulsory school age and above and instructed afternoon clubs.

Waldorf Cambridge (the school) is an independent body and charity that raises income through fees and donations to provide the best education possible whilst being financially viable. Our financial principles are borne out of a commitment to operate on a balanced income and expenditure budget. The Board of Trustees makes a commitment to ensure that the financial management of the school is sustainable, efficient and effective. Each year the Board of Trustees will, as part of the budgeting process, approve the level of school fees proposed during the budgeting process.

Contract

All parents are required to sign a contract with the school (Admissions Agreement), which outlines the conditions of entry and their responsibilities to the school. By sending their child into school parents signify their agreement to these conditions.

Deposit

Families joining the school are required to pay a one-off deposit of £600 per pupil on acceptance of a place. The school holds this deposit until such times as the child leaves the school when it is returned, providing there is no outstanding debt and proper notice of withdrawal is given. The deposit may also be used to pay for any damage caused or additional expenditure incurred due to the actions of the child.

Application Charges

All new applications incur the following costs:

Administration Fee - paid with application form. Non-refundable. (additional siblings applying at the same time £40)	£80 per application
Deposit - paid on receipt of admittance letter. Refundable on leaving the school (unless there are any fees / expenses outstanding)	£600 per child

Kindergarten

Our Early Childhood setting provides flexible educational provision for children from birth to 6 years of age. This includes:

- Little Roots for children from birth to around 5 years old and their parents/carer;
- Buttercups Kindergarten for children from 2 years of age;
- Elderflower / Rosebud Kindergarten provision for children aged 3 - 6.

Little Roots Parent and Child / Baby Groups

For parents, child minders and family members, (including expectant parents) and children from birth to around 5 years. Parents can choose to attend one or a combination of sessions. For more details regarding different sessions and a booking form, please email pandc@waldorfcambridge.uk or call the school. We can arrange for you to talk to the group leader and / or attend a free taster session. Sessions are booked termly or half-termly, with an average of 6 weekly sessions per half term.

Fee per session, paid in advance per half term / term	£10 per session
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* Fees are payable in advance. (Refunds cannot be made for sessions missed, but missed sessions can be made up for in other sessions in the same half term. When starting mid-half term, fees are calculated on a pro-rata basis).

Buttercups / Elderflower / Rosebud Kindergarten

Sessions run from 8.30am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday.

Children are expected to attend for a min. of 3 days, 8:30am-3pm, with a choice to attend either:

- Friday and 2 other days according to availability (3-day offer)
- Monday to Thursday (4-day offer), or
- Monday to Friday (5-day offer)

There is an option for early pick up, for the settling in period, as agreed between teacher and parents (no reduction in daily 'fixed' fee).

	Termly Fee	Yearly Fee	Yearly fee including VAT
2-year-olds Attendance for 3 days	£2,765	£8,295	N/A
2-year-olds Attendance for 4 days	£3,686	£11,057	N/A
2-year-olds Attendance for 5 days	£4,608	£13,823	N/A
3-year-olds Attendance for 3 days	£2,736	£8,208	N/A
3- and 4-year-olds Attendance for 4 days	£3,648	£10,944	N/A
3- and 4-year-olds Attendance for 5 days	£4,466	£13,398	N/A
5-year-old Statutory School Age children Attendance for 5 days	£4,085	£12,255	£14,706.00

Please note – VAT is payable on school fees for children above compulsory school age since the 1st of January 2025.

Lower School and Middle School – Classes 1 to 7

Children aged from 6 to 13 years.

Classes run from 8.30am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday.

	Termly Fee	Yearly Fee	Yearly fee including VAT
Lower and Middle School – Classes 1 to 7	£4,148	£12,444	£14,932.80

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Upper School – Classes 7 to 10

Children aged from 13 to 16 years, including the start of some GCSE content and specialist teachers in Class 8.

Classes run from 8.30am to 3.00pm Monday to Friday.

	Termly Fee	Yearly Fee	Yearly fee including VAT
Classes 8 to 10	£4,660	£13,980	£16,776.00

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Afternoon Care

Available to children from the mixed age kindergartens up to Class 1. Sessions are from 3pm to 5pm and include a snack. Children may attend from 1 to 5 afternoons per week (Monday to Friday). Pre-booked prior to the start of term and subject to availability. Half term notice required for changes / withdrawal. Ad-hoc sessions not available.

Rising 4s - £16 per session; Rising 5s upwards - £13 per session; Please note – afternoon care is VAT exempt.

Afternoon Clubs

Available to children Class 2 upwards. Pre-booked prior to the start of term and subject to availability. Half term notice required for changes / withdrawal. Ad-hoc sessions not available.

Session - 2-hour sessions (until 5pm) - £13 (£15.60 including VAT)

Monday - Drama club

Tuesday - Yoga

Wednesday – Italian Club

Thursday – Art club

Friday – Wildlife Warriors

Please note – VAT is payable on afternoon clubs since the 1st of January 2025.

Early Years Funding (EYF)

Waldorf Cambridge Early Years is registered with the Local Authority's Early Years Free Entitlement (EYFE) through both Cambridge County Council for 3- and 4-year-olds, which is applied from the beginning of the term after a child's 3rd birthday until the end of term in which the child turns 5.

The Early Years Free Entitlement of 15 hours per week can only be taken within specific 'stand-alone*' hours and are subject to availability. The Free Entitlement 15 Hours are Monday to Friday 9am to 12pm or Monday to Thursday 9am to 12:45pm. In this way families have the flexibility as to whether to claim 11.25 or 12 or 15 hours of funding per week at our setting.

***Please note that Waldorf Early Years Education is delivered as a whole curriculum to the child which recommends that all children participate in the full Early Years Session from 8:30am to 3pm.**

The Early Years Free Entitlement is calculated termly and is based on actual weeks / sessions; therefore, the free entitlement amount can vary from term to term.

Please note that any untaken EYFE may be transferable to another setting.

Additionally, we offer the extended 15 hours Early Years funding for 2-year-olds. Please see the following link regarding eligibility: <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/15-and-30-hours-childcare-support/additional-support/eligibility>

If you are eligible for tax-free childcare (please see <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>), you could save another 20% of the fees until your child turns 5, and after that for the Late Afternoon Care as well as Holiday Clubs.

General Information

School Lunches

Fully organic and vegetarian lunches and snacks are provided in kindergarten for an additional cost of £4.20 per day. Children are asked to bring a packed snack and lunch for the Garden / Woodland Day.

Hot organic lunches are also available to Lower and Upper School pupils at a cost of £3.90 per day, Tuesday to Thursday. Sign up for all 3 days is required. Please contact reception or check the school website for the current menu / further details.

Jacket potato can be booked for Fridays as a stand-alone item.

Lunches are pre-booked on a termly basis (rebates are not given for periods of absence or for changes made after the start of the term).

Additional Costs

There are charges for individual educational items such as recorders, the cost of school trips and / or travel costs for additional school outings. Parents are notified in advance (see Trips and Experience list issued each year).

Sibling Discounts

These are available for all children, at the following rates -

First child – full fees

Second child – 20% discount

Third child onwards – 40% discount.

Sibling discounts do not apply to those already in receipt of another (higher level) discount.

Bursaries

The school considers applications for fee discounts through our Bursary Scheme, which is based on an evidence-based means test and subject to availability. Families who are unable to meet the required fees can apply to the Community Bursary Fund. Please see our website for further details and a downloadable copy of the Application Form and our Bursary and Hardship Policy. Bursary applications are processed annually in the **spring term for the following academic year** and are open to pupils enrolled in the school and / or with an offer of a place.

Please note - currently our bursary scheme is closed to new applicants.

Childcare Vouchers

We can accept Childcare Vouchers provided by some employers for children aged up to 5. **Vouchers cannot be accepted once the child reaches compulsory school age.** Please note that in accordance with HM Revenue and Customs guidelines, compulsory education starts from the term after a child reaches age 5. Prior to that the “education” is deemed to be childcare. Childcare vouchers may also be used towards Late Afternoon Care sessions.

Payment of Accounts

Payments can be made by standing order, bank transfer or through your employer’s salary sacrifice / childcare vouchers scheme (salary sacrifice schemes can be used until your child is of compulsory school age). **Fees are invoiced before the start of each term and are payable by the first day of the term.** Where a monthly payment plan has been agreed, payments should be evenly split over the term / year and be paid on the same day each month by standing order / childcare vouchers. The method of payment must be agreed with the Finance Officer in advance of the term / year start date.

Please note: All fees are reviewed annually and therefore financial agreements will be valid for the current school academic year.

Terms and Conditions

Please note: once we have offered and you have accepted a place for your child at Waldorf Cambridge, that place has then *been reserved for your child*. Therefore, you will be required to pay ALL fees relating to that place for the term. There are no reduced fees for any settling in period in kindergarten or a late start to the term (or half term) in Lower School.

Notice Period

In the case of withdrawal of a child from the School, a **full term's notice** must be given in writing to the Admissions Coordinator; fees will be charged in lieu of notice where this has not been received.

For example, if a child is to leave at the end of a particular term, notice must be received before the start of that term. If notice is received after that term has begun, a whole term's notice will not have been provided, so fees will be charged for that term and the next whole term.

Late or Non-Payment of Fees

Please see our '**Non-payment of fees policy**' for more information on how the school approaches late fee payment.

Important Note: Voluntary withdrawal of a child from either kindergarten or the Lower and Upper School, after formal acceptance has been confirmed and the contract is signed, is subject to **one full term's notice**. This is the case whether withdrawal should take place mid-term or at the end of an academic year.

Donations

Waldorf Cambridge is an independent school that relies solely on parental input and contributions (financial and otherwise) for its financial and environmental wellbeing. The school strongly encourages parents to make additional financial contributions above the prescribed 'fees' wherever possible, towards the provision of educational resources and bursaries. These are best made as 'Gift aid' donations.

Gifts of this nature, both small and large, are invaluable to us as they enable us to provide a better teaching and learning environment for our children, as well as allowing us to maintain a bursary system. Our ability to keep our fees low and access to a Steiner education as broad as possible relies largely on the generosity of those parents who can make donations of this kind. If you can donate, please contact reception for a Gift Aid form, or you can find one on our website. Thank you.

Parental Involvement

Parents are expected to take an active role within the school. During the year we organise various events which you are invited to. We run class parent evenings, as well as parent consultations twice a year which provide an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with your teacher. Parents are invited to join the school's PTA, which helps to organise community / fundraising events such as a community auction, barn dance, sponsored walk etc. Our annual Advent Fair and Multicultural May Fair as well as our Fixing and Feasting events also rely strongly on parent involvement - these are wonderful opportunities for the school community to come together.

Parental involvement is also vital for your child's learning and development as you are the prime educators and know what your child's interests are and their preferred learning style.

Contract

The fees will be confirmed in advance of your child(ren) starting at the school, but if you would like assistance in calculating the expected fees or if you have any other questions, please contact our Finance Team: finance@waldorfcambridge.uk

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