



Autism Early Support - Nursery – Parent contributions to Nursery Places

- A £50 non-refundable Registration Fee is payable prior to the pre-admission meeting, to cover administration costs.
- Sources of statutory funding to provide our services still leave a significant gap that we ask parents to help bridge.
- Parents must agree to enable Autism Early Support Trust Limited to claim the Early Years Education Grant for their child (when eligible). If we are unable to claim the Early Years Education Grant, parents will be charged the equivalent amount. (This is currently £10.83 per week for a 2.5 hour session.) [This is in addition to the contribution for specialist teaching and therapy you will be asked to make.
- Parents who claim disability living allowance for a child aged 3 years or older can nominate AES to claim the Disability Access Fund. This fund is an additional £615 per child per year. It is issued to a setting to assist towards the costs of supporting a child with additional needs. At Circle Centre we use these additional funds to assist with the cost of the specialist provision within the nursery. If your child is attending a dual setting, only one setting can be nominated on the funding form in your admissions pack. We would be very grateful if you would consider nominating Circle Centre for receipt of this additional fund.
- Income is also received from Local Authorities (LAs) when an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) has been agreed for a child and Higher Needs Funding (HNF) or equivalent is made available. Most children who attend our nursery eventually obtain some level of LA funding for a portion of the cost of their place at the nursery, either through their EHCP or HNF.
- It costs the charity approximately £158 per session for a child to attend the Specialist Nursery and receive the help we offer.
- Therefore, parents of children at the Specialist Nursery are asked to contribute to Autism Early Support Trust Limited's costs as follows:

Number of sessions per week	Termly Fee
1 session	No charge applicable
2 session(s)	£720
3 session(s)	£1,080
4 or more session(s)	Price on application
Contribution equivalent to £30 a session	

- These contributions are payable in advance on the 1st of each month by Direct Debit, based on a minimum of 3 months.

- If a child is in receipt of an EHCP with our nursery named in Section I, and once our agreed rate of fees for LA's is paid by the LA, parents are entitled to a 50% discount on their contributions for up to 6 sessions (15 hours) from the date the agreed payment is received by Autism Early Support from the LA.
- These contributions from parents are non-refundable in the event of a child's absence
- In the event of a nursery closure due to instances beyond our control, these contributions will not be refundable unless it is deemed appropriate to do so.
- Any family that would face difficulties in meeting these contributions, and which has household income of less than £25k pa, may qualify for financial assistance from the Autism Early Support Trust. Please ask for further details.