

Fees & Payment for 2024 - 2025

Lower School		Month	Term	Year	Month	Term	Year
Class	Subsidised Rate (for families with total income under £45,000 per year)			Unsubsidised Rate (for families with total income of £45,000+ per year)			
1	£626	£2,504	£7,512	£695	£2,780	£8,340	
1/2							
2/3							
3/4	£656	£2,624	£7,872	£728	£2,912	£8,736	
4/5							
5/6	£675	£2,700	£8,100	£749	£2,996	£8,988	
6/7							
7/8							
Upper School		Month	Term	Year	Month	Term	Year
8/9	£713	£2,852	£8,556	£791	£3,164	£9,492	
9/10							
10/11	£741	£2,964	£8,892	£822	£3,288	£9,864	
11/12							
12/13							
Plus Materials Charge of £108 per child per term in Lower School and £120 per child per term in Upper School. From Class 10/11 there is a Student Entry Fee for the NZCSE qualification of £125 per child/per year.							

	Kindergarten Morning 9.00-1.00 (includes mid-morning snack & materials)						Afternoon Care 1.00-3.30 (includes lunch)		
	Subsidised Rate (for families with total income under £45,000 per year)			Unsubsidised Rate (for families with total income of £45,000+ per year)			Single Rate		
	Month	Term	Year	Month	Term	Year	Month	Term	Year
1 day	Not offered			Not offered			£49	£196	£588
2 days	Not offered			Not offered			£82	£328	£984
3 days	£342	£1,368	£4,104	£379	£1,516	£4,548	£106	£424	£1,272
4 days	£449	£1,796	£5,388	£498	£1,992	£5,976	£124	£496	£1,488
5 days	£549	£2,196	£6,588	£610	£2,440	£7,320	£138	£552	£1,656

Wraparound	Breakfast Club 8.00-9.00am (includes breakfast)			After School Club 3.30- 4.30pm (includes snack)			After School Club 3.30-6.00pm (includes snack)		
	Month	Term	Year	Month	Term	Year	Month	Term	Year
Regular									
1 day	£12.75	£51	£153	£17	£68	£204	£34	£136	£408
2 days	£25.50	£102	£306	£34	£136	£408	£68	£272	£816
3 days	£38.25	£153	£459	£51	£204	£612	£102	£408	£1,224
4 days	£51.00	£204	£612	£68	£272	£816	£136	£544	£1,632
5 days	£63.75	£255	£765	£85	£340	£1,020	£170	£680	£2,040

Sibling Discount

20% off the fees of the second sibling attending at the same time

80% off the fees of the third and subsequent siblings attending at the same time

The sibling discount applies to Class and Kindergarten core fees, but not to other charges including the Materials Charges, Wraparound Care etc.

Subsidised Rate

The subsidised rate for Kindergartens and Classes is for those on gross family incomes under £45,000 per year. It is available on proof of income e.g. Child Tax Credit award, pay slips etc. shown at the start of each academic year. We are aware that an overall financial position can be advantaged by more than income alone, and would ask that families, who, despite a lower income, feel in a comparable financial position, or those who are able and willing, volunteer to contribute at the higher, unsubsidised rate.

Regular Days/ Drop In Sessions and Late Pick Ups

Regular Days are regular weekly sessions, on the same day each week, in Afternoon Care, After School and Breakfast Club, booked in advance for half a term or more. No sibling or other discount applies.

Drop Ins are extra sessions in Kindergarten, Afternoon Care, Afterschool or Breakfast Club, outside of your normal booked days. Drop in Days cannot be used on a regular basis as an alternative to normal Kindergarten sessions.

Late Pick up from sessions are charged as per below.

Kindergarten Morning 9.00-1.00 (includes mid-morning snack)		Afternoon Care 1.00-3.30 (includes lunch)	
	Subsidised Rate (for families with total income under £45,000 per year)	Unsubsidised Rate (for families with total income of £45,000+ per year)	Single Rate
Drop-In	£47/session	£51/session	£20/session
Late Pick Up	1.00-1.15pm £9 1.15-3.30pm £18	1.00-1.15pm £9 1.15-3.30pm £18	3.30-4.30pm £9 3.30-6.00pm £18

Wraparound	Breakfast Club 8.00-9.00am (includes breakfast)	After School Club 3.30- 4.30pm (includes snack)	After School Club 3.30-6.00pm (includes snack)
Drop In	£6.50/session	£9/session	£18/session
Late Pick Up	n/a	4.30-6.00pm £9	after 6.00pm £9

Administration Fee

A non-refundable Administration Fee of £60 covers the costs involved in the application process. The fee is £100 for students who require a 'Child Student Visa' (previously called a 'Tier 4 (Child) student visa'.

Deposit

A deposit of £300 is required for newly enrolled children before the date they start. This will reserve their place and also covers any costs in the event of the Registration and Contract between parent and Cardiff Steiner School being broken. The deposit is returnable when the child leaves the School as long as a full term's notice has been given in writing (See Notice of Leaving below). You will be required to sign for receipt of your returned deposit. Interest is not payable on deposits. The deposit is £500 for students who require a 'Child Student Visa' (previously called a 'Tier 4 (Child) student visa'.

Materials Charge and Other Charges

Materials and food are included in Kindergarten and Wraparound Care Fees.

The termly Materials Charge in the Classes covers crayons, pencils, paints, papers, clay, most handwork and woodwork material and exercise books etc. There are additional charges for class trips, eurythmy shoes, individual text books, calculators, some metals, woods and materials specific to projects, games kits, other extras, and optional individual/group instrument lessons. Individual Choroi Flutes are charged in Class 1/2 (approx. £50) and Class 3/4 (approx £65), flute prices as of April 2023.

From Class 10/11 to 12/13 there is a Student Entry Fee for the NZCSE qualification of £125 per child per year. School Trips are a compulsory part of the curriculum and full charges are payable whether or not a child attends. Parents are charged for items and property lost or damaged, where the damage was not accidental.

All fees are quoted exclusive of any taxes, which will be added where applicable.

Tax Credit and Employee Childcare Vouchers

Our Kindergarten and Wraparound fees are eligible for the following government assistance where applicable:

- Universal Credit Childcare - designed to help lower income working parents cover some of the cost of childcare
- Tax Free Childcare - the government will pay £2 for every £8 you pay for childcare up to £2,000 per year per child. You can get this at the same time as the Childcare Offer for Wales if you're eligible for both
- The Childcare Offer for Wales (scheme for 3 and 4 year olds). This requires a minimum attendance, and may apply for 15 to 20 hours a week depending on where you live and the number of sessions you attend. Your eligibility for this is on an individual basis so please contact the School Office for more information.
- Employee Childcare Vouchers - a special government scheme operated through employers that allow you to pay for childcare from your pre-tax salary

You must satisfy yourself of whether these schemes are applicable to you.

Absence

There will be no refunds if your child is absent through illness. If your child's place is kept open awaiting a return from holiday at the start of term time, or if holidays are taking during term time, the full fee is still payable – there will be no refunds for sessions missed.

Notice Requirements

If you wish to withdraw your child from the School, or to reduce days in Kindergarten, you must either give us a clear term's notice in writing to that effect, or pay to the School a term's fees in lieu of notice, at such rate as would have been charged for the final term of provision if a term's notice had been given. This means that if, for example, you wish to withdraw your child with effect from the start of the autumn term (i.e., at the start of an academic year) then you would need to tell us in writing that you wish to withdraw your child on or before the first day of the preceding summer term (i.e. the final term of the preceding academic year). The appropriate amount of fees in lieu of notice will become payable by you to us as a debt on the first day of the term which would have been the final term of provision if a term's notice had been given.

Withdrawal part-way through a term does not reduce the amount you owe to the School. The School's affairs are organised on a termly basis and it is not possible for you to reduce the amount of fees, or to obtain a refund of fees, by withdrawing your child part-way through a term. This means that if, for example, you withdraw your child without notice in Autumn half term, or give notice at Autumn half term, then fees in lieu of notice would be due up to the end of Spring term.

There is no notice required for cancelling Regular Wraparound Care sessions, though if your booking was for a duration of less than one half term in total then you will be reinviced at the Drop In rate.

Bursary

Cardiff Steiner School is committed to being socially inclusive and accessible to families from a wide range of financial backgrounds, whilst remaining self-funded. Therefore we keep fees as low as possible in order to minimise the financial barrier to attending. We also offer a small Bursary Scheme where families on low incomes, or in financial difficulty, can apply for a reduction in their fees. Bursary decisions are influenced by availability of funds, the number of applications, and overall need. We can meet only a portion of a family's need. In addition, we may not have the funds to offer assistance to every child who qualifies for assistance. There is no specific income level in order to apply for a Bursary, and all applications are considered on an individual basis, though the principles that we apply to Bursary decisions are outlined on our Bursary Application Form. You are required to complete a Bursary Application Form, available from the School Office. The School Business Manager can explain the process to you. Before you apply for a Bursary you will need to have completed the School's Admissions Process and be in receipt of an offer of a place. Bursaries in Kindergarten are only awarded to children attending 5 days a week and who will be continuing their education into the main School.

Additional Tuition and Learning Support

Our ALNCo (Additional Learning Needs Co-ordinator) co-ordinates all the screening for, and work with, pupils with additional learning needs. This includes pupils with educational, behavioural or physical needs. Pupils are identified either

at admission, through Class screening or referral by the Class or Kindergarten Teacher. Children receiving support from the ALN Department are entered in the ALN register which monitors the child's progress and the success of strategies put in place to support learning. Children may be recommended support through one-to-one or small-group learning support. A reasonable level of learning support is provided throughout the School to those pupils who need it and the cost of this is included in the standard School fees. However where a pupil needs more substantial or ongoing support there will be an extra charge. Our ALNCo may also recommend a full individual assessment for a pupil from outside the School. This is undertaken, and the cost met, by the parent. There will be an extra charge for additional tuition required on admission to make a pupil ready for the School.

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