

# Hodnet Primary School



## Nursery Guide

September 2026



*Enabling all children to flourish in a safe,  
nurturing and welcoming learning environment.*



## Welcome to Our Nursery

Hodnet School Based Nursery established in September 2026, following the closure of Hodnet Pre-School & Playgroup, the long standing successful Early years provider previously based on our site. The building and excellent staff have been retained by school and are now offering School Based Nursery provision. We can offer spaces for 20 nursery aged pupils per day.

At Hodnet Primary School Nursery, we provide a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment for children aged 2–4 years. We are passionate about helping every child thrive, with a curriculum that supports curiosity, independence, and a love of learning. We adopt a Reggio inspired approach across both our Nursery and Reception classes, led by our Early Years leader, Mrs Noden.

Our Nursery is open during school term time and offers both funded and paid sessions, as well as wraparound care for working families. This document sets out our nursery offer and guides you through the free funding available, our sessions, timings, when children are able to start nursery, additional sessions, payments, extended hours available and enquiries.



### An overview of our Nursery offer:

Age Range	Session Times	Funding Options	Wraparound Care	Meals & Snacks
2–4 years. Children are eligible to start the term after their 2 <sup>nd</sup> Birthday.	Morning: 08:50 – 11:50	15 hours 24U funding for eligible families (age 2+)	Breakfast Club: 08:00–08:50 (£5.00 per session)	Healthy daily snack included.
	Afternoon: 12:10 – 15:10	15 hours universal funding (age 3+)	After School Care: 15:10–17:45pm (£15.00 per session, with £7.50 half session option)	Hot school lunch optional (£2.65 + lunch care £3.00)
		30 hours extended funding for eligible families (age 2+)		

### Intakes

We plan to have three starting points for entry to Nursery, one per term. September, January and April. Children can start Nursery from the term after their 2<sup>nd</sup> Birthday. We may provide exceptions to this throughout the academic year 2026/27 as our Nursery grows from the initial starting points. Please contact school for more information on 01630 685300.

### Nursery Sessions for 2-year-olds

For 2-year-olds, we are flexible with days/half day sessions for the 15 and 30 funded hours. We will do our best to accommodate your needs dependent on our numbers and staffing ratios. We have space for 5 two-year-olds in each session. We may provide exceptions to this throughout the academic year 2026/27 as our Nursery grows from the initial starting points.

### 24U Funding:

We are able to offer 15 hours of funding for eligible 2-year olds using the Shropshire 24U funding offer. The 15 free hours can be used from the term after their second birthday until they are three. Children are eligible based on specific income-based criteria such as universal credit also Special Educational Needs, Looked After, previously looked after and in receipt of DLA. Specific criteria can be found via the link [24U Funding | Shropshire Learning Gateway](#).

### Wraparound Care

In addition, we offer longer hours for nursery children that may be required for working parents. This is provided within the school's wraparound care provision at our Breakfast and After School Club.

## Session Structure

Breakfast club	Morning session	Lunchtime	Afternoon session	Wraparound care
08:00 – 08:50am* *7.45-8.45am main school	08:50 – 11:50	Within the morning session completed by 12:10	12:10 – 15:10pm	15:10 – 17:45pm* *15:15-17.45 main school
Additional charge	Included in funded hours	Additional charge	Included in funded hours	Additional charge
Duration: 50mins	Duration: 3hrs		Duration: 3hrs	Duration: 2hrs 25mins

### We run the following structure for free funded hours:

The **15 hour** funded places:

These should be taken over 5 sessions. The 5 sessions can be:

- 5 mornings or 5 afternoon sessions each week
- 2 full days and 1 half day session per week



We encourage the sessions to be taken consecutively as this allow us to accommodate for staffing and full-time places. This also provides consistency for the children in building relationships with other children and staff, whilst allowing us to plan accordingly to prepare your child fully for school. However we are flexible with our offer if spaces are available. Any changes to the weekly pattern throughout the year, should be requested in advance to see if it can be accommodated. Priority for spaces will be given to families requesting a full-time space. If you do not qualify for 30 hours, but would like full time care, this can be requested and paid for if there is an available space.

The **30 hours** funded places:

These can be taken as full time 5 days per week. Please note, a lunchtime payment is also required in addition to this.

These can also be taken in a blended option in the form of 3 consecutive days, enabling parents to share the hours with another provider. We acknowledge that some families wish to use more than one nursery provider, particularly those who offer holiday childcare, therefore we wish to accommodate those needs if we can. Consecutive days support consistency for young children and will enable us to plan accordingly. As stated above, priority will be given to full time places.



Funded 15 hours	5 x ½ day session	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri - mornings only
Funded 15 hours	5 x ½ day session	Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur, Fri - afternoons only
Funded 15 hours	5 sessions	Monday to Friday – 2 full days 1 half day
Funded 30 hours	5 days per week	Monday to Friday
Funded 30 hours - blended option	3 x days per week	3 consecutive full days Mon-Fri

### Funding Options explained

15 hours free funding (24U Funding)	15 hours free funding (Universal Funding)	30 Hours Extended Funding (for working parents)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible children aged 2 -3 are entitled to 15 hours per week of free nursery funding for 38 weeks per year.</li> <li>• Application required with Shropshire Council to ensure eligibility.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All children aged 3–4 are entitled to 15 hours per week of free nursery funding for 38 weeks per year.</li> <li>• No application needed - <b>funding begins the term after your child's 3rd birthday.</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible working parents can claim 30 hours of funded childcare from the term after their child turns 9 months, until they start school.</li> <li>• Our nursery accepts funded places for children aged 2–4 years.</li> <li>• Application required to ensure eligibility.</li> </ul>

### 30 Hour Funding Eligibility (summary):

- Both parents working (or one in a single-parent family)
- Each earning at least £204 per week (16 hours at National Minimum/Living Wage)
- Each earning under £100,000 per year
- Some exceptions apply (e.g. parents who are on maternity, paternity or adoption leave, or are unable to work because of disability or due to caring responsibilities, may still be eligible.)



### How to apply for 30 hour funding:

1. Visit: [www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)
2. Apply for 30 hours funding and **receive a code if eligible** (this MUST be presented to school)
3. Provide your code to school **before** your child starts
4. **Important:** Reconfirm your eligibility every 3 months – in order to keep your code valid.

Please ensure you apply early so that you receive your code in time for your child to start. You must have a **valid code** before your child starts nursery.

### Charges

Parents may want to purchase extra nursery sessions. For example, if parents only receive 15 hours free funding or where parents want their child to start before eligibility for the free funding begins. There is a charge for a school meal at lunchtime. Parents may also require longer hours and wish to purchase the school Breakfast and After school care sessions. We accept Government Tax Free Childcare payments for paid nursery sessions and our school wraparound care.

Description	Cost
3hr Half day session	£17.00
6hr Full day session	£32.00
Lunchtime hot meal	£2.65
Lunchtime care	£3.00
Breakfast club	£5.00
After school club: Session 1 (until 4.30pm)	£7.50
Sessions 1&2 including a light tea.	£15.00
Full charges apply to the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Absence due to illness or failure to attend.</li><li>• Holiday in term time.</li></ul>	



### What to provide:

Parents are asked to kindly provide the following for their child to enable them to settle well and enjoy the day in Nursery. Please ensure all belongings are clearly named.

- Nappies and wipes in a named bag
- Spare clothes and small bags for any soiled items of clothing, in a named bag
- Daily water bottle filled with fresh water
- Wellies and a coat for outdoor adventures
- Sun hats and sun cream as required in the summer months
- Warm clothing, hats and gloves as required in the winter months

### What to wear:

Our Nursery has a simple uniform in line with our school uniform policy and procedures. Children are asked to wear a Hodnet royal blue jumper or cardigan, a sky-blue T-shirt and either navy blue leggings or joggers or shorts in the summer months. Children are advised to wear sensible shoes.

Parents may wish for their child to wear school uniform in the form of grey school skirts or trousers/shorts or blue check summer dresses. These traditional uniform items are optional in Nursery but are expected in Reception to Y6.



Hodnet royal blue jumpers and cardigans can be purchased from [www.mapac.com](http://www.mapac.com). These are delivered to your home address. Please see our school website for more information.

### Applying for a Place

Parents are able to request a place at any time by contacting the school office. The Office Manager will be happy to discuss your needs and if there is a space, will arrange for you to visit us. Your child may be placed on a waiting list if the nursery is full.

### Registration

- Complete the Nursery Registration Form and session Booking Form
- Provide your child's birth certificate and nursery 30 hour funding code if applicable
- Share any relevant information about your child's needs including medical needs, allergies and any developmental needs.

### Induction & Settling

Building relationships with parents is important to us and we want to provide the best possible start for your child.

- You will be invited to an induction meeting with our Nursery staff/EYFS Lead, Mrs Noden
- We will get to know your family and child and liaise with you over Nursery Induction and starting arrangements.
- If your child has attended another setting, we will liaise to ensure a smooth transition
- If your child has additional needs, our SENDCO, Mrs Williams, will discuss tailored support with you.

### Transition to Reception class

We are able to provide smooth transition sessions to prepare children for starting in Reception. Please note that Parents are required to apply for a Reception place through the Local Authority Admissions team. Attending Hodnet Nursery does not guarantee a Reception class place.



### Contact Us

01630 685300. For general enquiries, registration and to report absence:

[admin@hod.318education.co.uk](mailto:admin@hod.318education.co.uk)

Please visit our website for key information and updates. [www.hodnetschool.co.uk](http://www.hodnetschool.co.uk)

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